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CHINA LEGISLATORS TO MEET TODAY

Yuan Wants Dr. Sun To Report On Govt Policies PEACE ENVOYS RETURN

Nanking, February 28.

The Legislative Yuan third plenary session will open here at 9 a.m. tomorrow to deliberate the vital problem of peace with the Communists and unity within the Government in an atmosphere of spreading agitation for the ousting of the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo.

Legislative Yuan circles said the Premier will be asked to appear personally to make a report on administrative policies and answer charges against him concerning his removal of the Executive Yuan to Canton and his alleged financial deals.

The total number of members now in the capital for the meeting stands at 187, exceeding the required quorum by 32.

The forthcoming sessions are described as perhaps the most important in the short career of the Legislative Yuan which is due for certain dissolution in case the Government and the Communists reach a successful peace settlement.

The Deputy Prime Minister, General Wu Te-cheng, told legislators that Premier Sun Fo is to return to the capital tomorrow, according to Chinese reports today.

General Wu who arrived here last Thursday is making efforts to make things easy for the return of the Premier.

The Deputy Premier entertained more than 10 leading legislators yesterday, and urged them to have urged them not to be too hard on Dr. Sun. He specially appealed to them not to ask for a report on administrative policy by the Premier and for a reconciliation between the Nanking and Canton legislatures.

The legislators present, including Fan Yeh-shan, Huang Yu-jen and Li Yu-wen, were said to have concurred with General Wu on the need for reconciliation, but stressed the question of a meeting place for the Legislative Yuan which had been settled in favour of remaining in Nanking should not be revised.

The legislators were also said to have expressed welcome for the return of Dr. Sun but pointed out he would have to appear at the Yuan session to report on administrative policies and answer interpretations.

Kung Keng, 77-year-old Legislative Yuan member, told the Social Welfare Daily today that he considers Dr. Sun too weak to be Prime Minister. Kung arrived here recently from Hankow to attend the Yuan sessions.

Meanwhile, the Shanghai non-partisan peace delegation arrived by plane in Nanking today following a day of preliminary peace discussions with the Communist leaders according to Reuters.

An authoritative source told Reuters that formal peace negotiations between the Nationalists and Communists could be expected to begin in Peiping about the middle of March.

The Communists would shortly appoint their peace delegates. A statement issued by the non-partisan delegation said: "Although there are still obstacles before us it is very possible we shall be successful in having peace."

The delegates announced they had smoothly settled in principle problems connected with the resumption of postal communications and navigation between Communist-held North China and the Nationalist South. They will report to President Li Tsung-shan at a special dinner he is giving in their honour tonight.

The delegation's arrival coincided with radio telephone reports from Peiping today that the Communist authorities had prohibited foreign correspondents in Peiping from sending further despatches to the outside world.

Dr. Shu Li-tse, Nationalist Government peace delegate, who accompanied the non-partisan peace mission, told Reuters that he had two long interviews with the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung.

Who Wants To Be A Mayor?

Shanghai, February 27.

The Mayor of Shanghai, city of nearly 6,000,000 people will draw a salary worth less than seven United States dollars in February.

A survey conducted by the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury revealed Mayor K. C. Wu will get \$17,400 (about \$850.00) for a month.

On present salaries, civil servants must starve, beg, borrow or starve, the papers said.

But Mayor Wu is not as badly off as it appears on the ledger. He gets many extras—highly important during the current spiralling inflation—such as official residence and car.—Associated Press.

with headquarters in Hong Kong.

Unconfirmed reports here said that the Shanghai peace delegation, which arrived at Tientsin by sea via Chinwangtao and afterwards went to Peiping.

One of the shipping delegates told Reuters the resumption of navigation applied to both shipping and air services.

Planes of the Central Air Transport Corporation would be allowed to resume flights to Peiping, but not the China National Aviation Corporation, because of its American connection.

Technicians from the Postal service, the delegates said, would be allowed to fly to Peiping within three days to work out details of the restoration of China's postal services.

In their official statement the non-partisan delegates said they

were grateful to the Communist leaders, who had given them interviews, either collectively or individually. They said they had been kindly received at Shihchiachung by the Communist leaders, Mr. Mao Tse-tung and General Chou En-lai, with whom they had exchanged views about the peace problem.

They had finished their work in Peiping and they would return to Shanghai after they had reported to President Li. They expressed gratitude to the Communist authorities, who had entertained them so sincerely.

The delegates were welcomed at Nanking airport by the Deputy Premier, General Wu Te-cheng, the President of the Control Yuan, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, and other Nationalist leaders.

Radio-telephone reports from Peiping today said last night the delegates dined with Democratic League leaders, who came from Mukden.

Several Nationalist military leaders, meanwhile, are looking for more information about the British Labour Party's Socialist policy as peace with the Communists is coming closer in China.

The militarists may be China's Socialists of tomorrow if the plans they are believed to be discussing with President Li Tsung-shan are ever formulated into reforms.

Septics advised the generals, who are the President's closest supporters, to begin by reading Mr. Mao Tse-tung's writings. With the important exception that Mao Tse-tung links his movement with International Communism, his reforms are more practical for China than anything the generals may find in British Socialist plans, sceptics claimed.

The generals' conception of peace with the Communists remains in some respects a division of China along the Yangtze during the interim period.

To that time they are understood to favour setting [China's] house in order by implementation of three important reforms:

1-Nationalization of China's armies;

2-Introduction of democratic government, and, 3-Implementation of a system of socialism.

They think the National Coalition Government with the Communists should direct China in the interim period, but that the actual house cleaning should be implemented through the existing provincial administrations.

A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today that General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief of the Far East Land Forces, is still in Bangkok. He has been there for some days in connection with Anglo-Siamese measures to seal off the Malay-Siamese frontier. He was also understood to be discussing a recent British decision to supply arms and equipment to the Siamese Army.

Fighting Breaks Out In Bangkok; London Worried

Bangkok, February 27.

Fighting between Siamese Navy and Army elements broke out in the main streets of Bangkok last night. The outbreak occurred shortly after a group, at present unidentified, had seized the Government's Bangkok Radio at 9.30 p.m.

Heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire ensued at the Arsenal, the Grand Palace and near the Premier's residence between midnight and day-break today. There were many casualties.

An eye-witness said he saw bodies being loaded into trucks. At dawn, armoured vehicles manned by soldiers and anti-tank guns manned by Marines went into action against each other. This fighting died down by noon.

Reports of serious unrest in Bangkok, reaching diplomatic quarters in London, were causing grave concern today. It was learned on good authority.

Any event contributing to the troubles in South East Asia, now serious in Burma and Malaya, are viewed with concern in London, it was stated.

The troubles, which broke out last night in Bangkok, followed measures taken a few days ago by Marshal Pibul Songgram, the Prime Minister, to control an expected coup d'etat by elements in touch with the Chinese Communists.

The news reaching London today did not make it clear whether the disturbances were a last-minute attempt to carry out the expected coup or whether they arose from some other cause. It was also not clear whether, as claimed by the Siamese Government, the Chinese Communists were responsible, and if so, whether the plan was prepared in concert with the Chinese Communist operating in Malaya.

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The Siamese unrest will, it is believed, enter the scope of tomorrow's Commonwealth conference at New Delhi. On the situation in Burma, when Malaya will also be discussed.—Reuters.

Penang, February 26. The Soviet Union considers the price asked for Malayan rubber too high and has not yet ordered fresh shipments, leading rubber shippers here told Reuters today. The Russians have offered new terms which the Malayan sellers were not anxious to accept, they added.

In the economic and military chaos that is plaguing China the salaried class are the greatest sufferers whereas the labourers, especially rickshaw coolies, are making easy money. This office clerk (right) in a large Chinese shipping company kneels down to partake of a quick supper on the busy Shanghai Bund with a rickshaw coolie and a woman coolie. (AP Photo)

Paraguay's Government Overthrown In Bloodless Revolution

Asuncion, Paraguay, February 27.

A civil and military movement overthrew the Government of Paraguay last night in the first bloodless revolution in Paraguayan history and arrested President Raimundo Rolon just 26 days after he took office.

A broadcast by the national radio said General Rolon was succeeded by his own Minister of Education, Dr. Felipe Molas Lopez.

The President was arrested at the town of Paraguaria, 37 miles North of Asuncion, touching off a bloodless coup d'etat that was accomplished in four hours between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

General Rolon had gone to Paraguaria for personal reasons. The First Regiment of Artillery, which has barracks at Paraguaria, was joined in revolt by the First Division of Cavalry at Campo Grande, 12 kilometres from Asuncion.

Lieutenant Colonel Cesar Malvar commanded the Cavalry division while Colonel Alfredo Struener headed the artillery regiment.

All operations of the revolution were carried out with the greatest reserve with no show of force. All troops stayed in their barracks but were on the alert, ready to go out if necessary.

The remainder of the military forces gradually joined the revolution.

It is expected that General Rolon and General Villaboa, who was taken with him, will be brought to Asuncion.

When the rebels had the situation under control, they issued an "Act of the Army" naming Dr. Lopez provisional president of the Republic.

Asuncion remained quiet and there were no demonstrations.

Too High, Russia Says

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The Soviet Union considers the price asked for Malayan rubber too high and has not yet ordered fresh shipments, leading rubber shippers here told Reuters today. The Russians have offered new terms which the Malayan sellers were not anxious to accept, they added.

One of the conditions, given by the Russians was that shipments of rubber in future would be inspected at Odessa by the Russians. No contract has been signed yet.

The last shipment of Malayan rubber under the present contract some 10,000 tons, is leaving Malaya in parts shortly.—Reuters.

Victim Of Circumstance



Bulgarian Church Leader Confesses To Spying, Treason

Sofia, February 26.

Sobbing in court, Pastor Vassil Georgiev Ziapkov, the chief defendant in the treason trial here of 15 Evangelical Church leaders, pleaded guilty today to all charges against him of treason and spying.

He told a crowded court he had become a spy for both the Americans and the British because he had always been "pro-American and pro-English." England was his "second homeland," he said.

Ziapkov, who is 48, was described as a representative of the United Evangelical Churches in Bulgaria and a member of their Supreme Council here.

In its 7,000-word indictment, the prosecution said he was "at the bottom of all the hostile activity of the leaders of the Evangelical Churches in Bulgaria" and "achieved a record in treason and treachery."

His confession, came soon after Pastor Vassil Ivanov, another leading accused, had said he had "completely changed" his attitude to Communism during his detention and hoped he would receive a sentence which would make it possible for him to prove this.

Pastor Ziapkov concluded his testimony tonight with a dramatic statement in which he referred to himself as the "prodigal son returning to his people." His voice broke many times and he wept freely during the statement. He and his fellow accused were the creations of American capitalism and "capitalism creates and then destroys its own creation," he cried.

Pastor Ziapkov said he supplied Professor Black with information on the Workers' Movement and Communist activities in Bulgaria. During the war it was easy for him to gather information for the American Secret Service because German officers came to his house and from them he got information "of value" to Professor Black in Istanbul.

He said in October, 1944, he was visited by Mr. Burt Andrews, alleged in the indictment to have been a British agent, and Mr. Andrews' brother, stated to have been the head of the Bulgarian section of the British Broadcasting Corporation. (A Mr. Stanley George Burt Andrews was on the staff of the former British Mission in Sofia.)

Later, he said, he had another talk with Mr. Andrews at the British Mission. When, he said, Mr. Andrews asked him whether he still had "some connections with England and whether he liked England."

Pastor Ziapkov said he replied that he considered England his "second homeland." Mr. Andrews, he continued, then asked whether he would be ready to do something for England, and he said he would.

Mr. Andrews then asked him to supply political and economic information, he said. He then burst into tears. He said he was grateful to England and America "and out of this gratitude I agreed to give information."

Ziapkov said he returned to Bulgaria "very much pro-American and pro-British." He had no objections when in 1932 Professor Floyd Black, Dean of an American college in Bulgaria, asked him for "certain information." (Professor Black is alleged to have been an American Secret Service agent in Bulgaria before the war and chief of the American Intelligence in Istanbul during the war.)

He said Mr. Andrews asked him to supply reports on production, the political situation and so on. The accused said he received much information from Pastor Naumov, who pleaded guilty yesterday. Pastor Ziapkov added that at a meeting of the Supreme Evangelical Council shortly after the liberation he told another of the accused, Pastor Miskov: "I am in touch with the British Intelligence Service."

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The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a complex low pressure system covering the east of Japan and Honshu is deepening and moving NE. A trough lying along the coast of Honshu through the Korea Strait to the Yangtze is moving quickly SE and S. The continental anticyclone covers China and the neighbouring seas and appears to be intensifying behind the trough. Today's Forecast—Moderate NE winds becoming fresh. Cloudy becoming fine. Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 78.4 deg. Fah. Minimum 52.0 deg. Fah. Sunshine 1.4 hours. Rainfall: 0.1 mm. Total since Jan. 1—129.0 mm.—5.04 ins. as against an average of 78.6 mm.—3.1 ins. Baro. at sea level 1020.5 1017.7 m.b. Equals 30.13 30.08 inches. Rel. Humidity 99 91 % Dew Point 68 64 deg. F. Wind Direction ENE E Wind Force 4 1 knot. Tides—High 10.08 4.5 Low 1.00 7.1 High 10.00 4.9 Low 0.00 6.9

SE Block?

They are believed anxious to retain Nationalist China's North West and South West administrative blocs and to form another for the South East provinces.

The Communists, the generals exploit, have separate governments for Manchuria and North China.

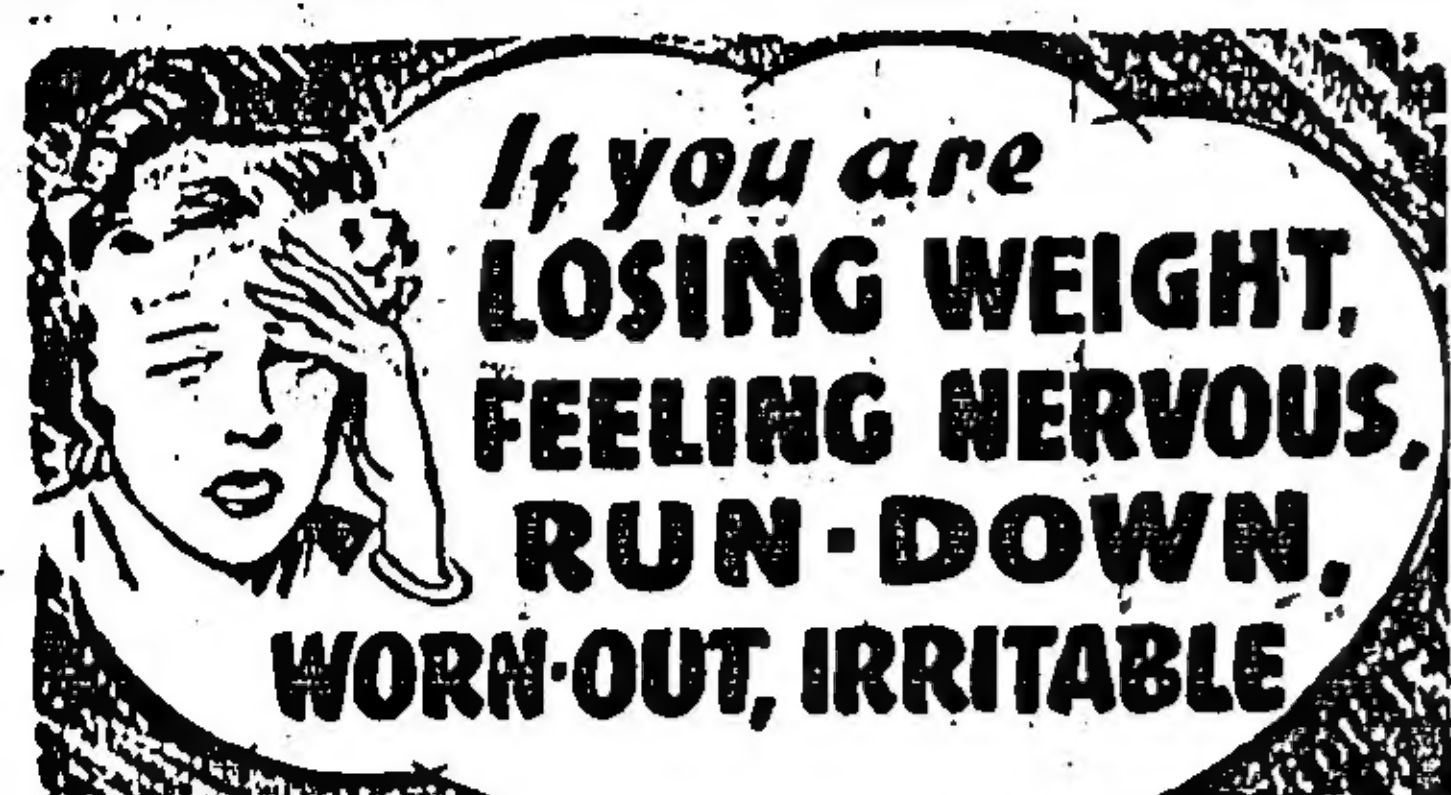
This scheme may be acceptable to the Communist leaders, political observers here believed provided the Communists got the majority of key positions in the Coalition Government, and that some house cleaning was done first in Nationalist provincial administrations.

The Communist Party and its supporters in North China would not accept the Yangtze as a boundary for its membership or influence, and would require representation for its followers in the South-United Press and Reuters.

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Mr. W. J. Keates
The condition of Mr. W. J. Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail," has improved slightly, it was learned last night.



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A Rhodes Dream Is Coming True

(By NOEL MONKS)

Victoria Falls, February 27.

With their backs to the mighty Zambesi and the
roar of the Victoria Falls in their ears, a
dozen men sat at a table in a canteen at the
luxury Falls Hotel in Southern Rhodesia and
planned history.

When the conference ended three days later, the
first steps had been taken in the formation
of the new Central African Dominion, and
yet another dream of Rhodes started towards
fulfilment.

Indeed, were Cecil Rhodes alive
and able to look on this historic
conference, he might nod his wise
head and say:

"Fifty years ago in Capetown
they said I was a madman just
for talking about what you gentlemen
are now accomplishing."

The Victoria Falls Conference
of representatives from Northern
and Southern Rhodesia, and
Nyasaland was watched with
great interest throughout Africa
and particularly in the Union.

On September 14 last year Sir
Godfrey Huggins, Southern
Rhodesia's Prime Minister, said:
"There is going to be a United
States of Africa as sure as the
sun comes up. First there will be
the linking together of the two
Rhodesias, North and South, and

the entry of Nyasaland with us
into a great Middle Dominion of
Africa."

His Dream Too

Sir Godfrey, who had just then
been returned as Premier with an
overwhelming majority, will
lead his Colony's delegation to the
conference for this Central Africa
Dominion has been a dream of
his for many years.

Whitehall has little time for
such realistic projects as envisaged
by the Victoria Falls Conference,
and no encouragement
has been given the far-sighted
men who will participate in it.

The advocates of a strong British
Central State in Africa are
up against a Whitehall policy of
"Africa for the Africans," even
though such a State would be of
great value to the Empire in the
event of a war in which the Union
was neutral—something that
under a Nationalist Government
has to be faced.

Fifty years ago Rhodes played
politics in far-off England, not
being "timid" in their African
outlook, and declared: "Government
by the unseen must pass away."

All Want It

The men attending the Victoria
Falls Conference feel the same
way. They want to build a new
Dominion that will always remain
British, that will always be of
great value and service to the
British people.

The systems of Government of
the three areas that want to
federate are completely different.
Southern Rhodesia has a one-
house Parliament to which only
Europeans can be elected, al-
though the natives can vote.

Northern Rhodesia has a Gov-
ernor assisted by an Executive
and a Legislative Council, to
which some members are elected
and others appointed.

Nyasaland, a Protectorate, has
no elections and the Governor
administers the territory assisted by
an Executive Council. The three
constitutions are widely divergent
on native policy but not so hopelessly
divided as if they were federating
with the Union.

It is not hard to visualise great
things ahead of these three vast,
wealthy territories if the dead
hand of Whitehall were removed.

Southern Rhodesia, with its
self-government, is progressive
and alive. Nyasaland is back-
ward and stagnant. Northern
Rhodesia would be the same but
for a handful of non-Civil Ser-
vants, independent of Whitehall
pensions.

Before anything but a very
loose federation can take place
major alterations in the form of
the Governments of the two
Northern territories will be neces-
sary, and for this they must go to
Whitehall for permission.

That might be the snag on
which the Victoria Falls Confer-
ence will be wrecked. In Feb-
ruary 1890 Cecil Rhodes went
from Capetown to Whitehall to
plead for funds for building a
railway through Southern Rhodesia
to Tanganyika.

He was kept cooling his heels
for four months before the "timid"
politicians were persuaded of the
importance of the project. Will
this new African history, about
to be written on the banks of the
Zambesi, repeat the old?

Not that Whitehall's represen-
tatives don't give of their best.
They give their lives in the ser-
vice of these territories on which
the sun is supposed never to set.

For The Many

As part of the Central African
Dominion, Nyasaland could ex-
ploit her scenic beauties un-
rivalled in the world, that are at
present available to very few.

The copper mines in Northern
Rhodesia are among the most
important in the world, but their
output is restricted by poor com-
munications. Southern Rhodesia
has gold, chrome, coal, agriculture,
and great industrial development.

Join the three States together,
and in the lifelines of many who
read this you have a new
Dominion with a great future.

The Central African Dominion
won't be an overnight affair.
Much water will go over the
Falls between the end of the con-
ference and its creation.

Reminders

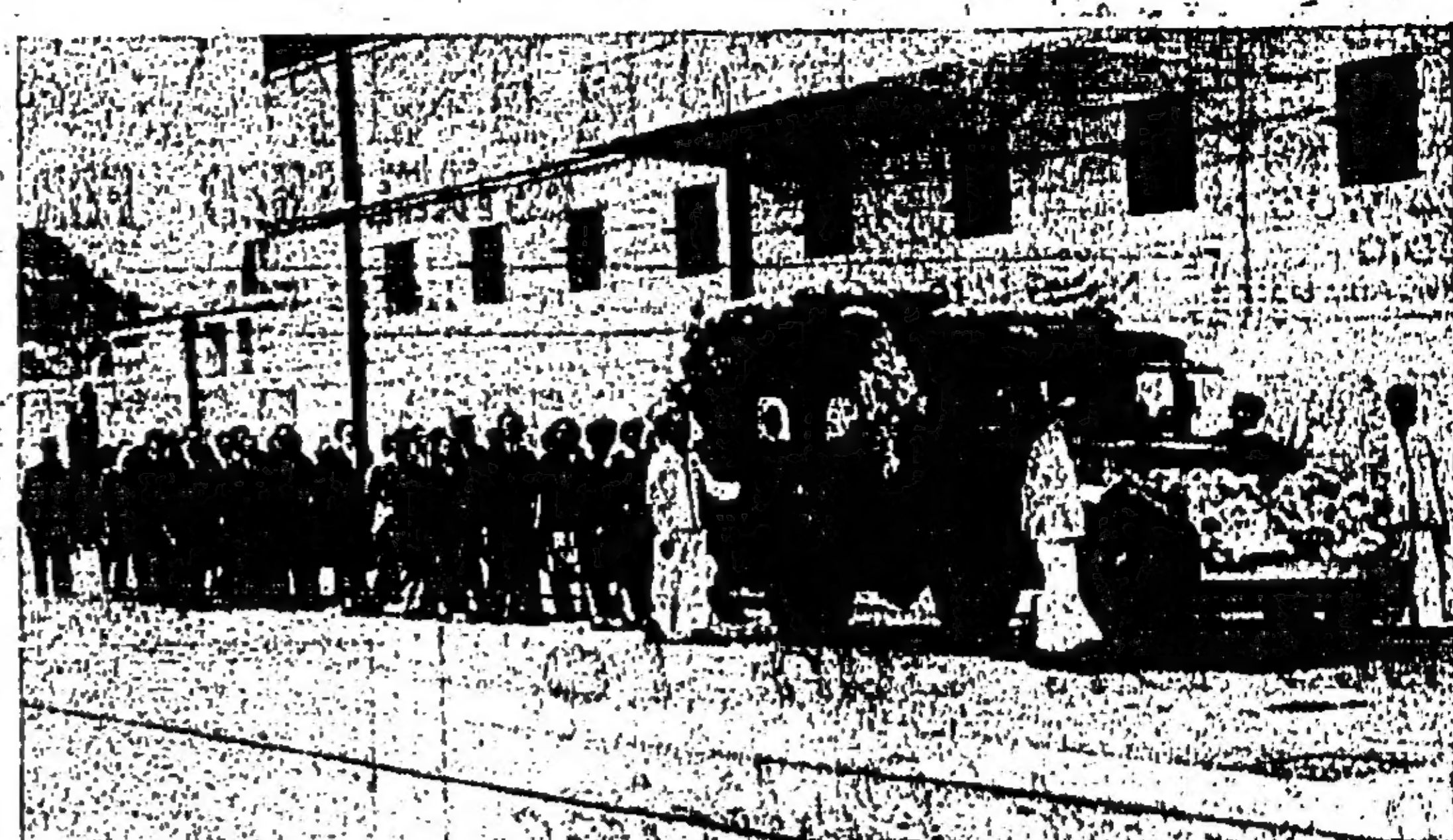
Today

Casting meeting for "Twelfth
Night," HK Stage Club,
China Fleet Club Theatre.
HK Chamber of Music, concert
of gramophone records, at
HK University, 9.15 p.m.
Star Ferry Company, Limited,
annual general meeting,
Jardine's Board Room, 12
noon.
Whist Drive, European YMCA,
8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Bridge Drive, European YMCA,
8 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO
building, 4.15 p.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk
on "A Film Show" by Mr. H.
Odell, Roof Garden, HK Hotel,
12.30 p.m.
St. David's Day Dinner, by St.
David's Society of HK, Roof
Garden, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Wreath laying ceremony by St.
David's Society, at Cenotaph,
8.30 a.m.
Casting meeting for "Twelfth
Night," HK Stage Club, n.
China Fleet Club Theatre.

WEDNESDAY
Toc H Club meeting, Talbot
House, 50, Macdonnell Road,
8.30 p.m.
HK Council of Social Services
talk on "Recent Develop-
ments in Industrial Welfare" by
Mrs. M. Allison and Mr.
E.C. Brown, PRO Lecture,
5.30 p.m.
THURSDAY
HK Automobile Association, an-
nual general meeting, Roo-
Garden, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Kowloon Club luncheon,
Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong
meeting, Roof Garden, HK
Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club extraor-
dinary general meeting,
Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.



Funeral of Miss
one of the CPA plane crash
victims.—"China Mail" photo.

Funeral Of CPA Air Crash Victim

A large gathering of friends
and relatives including Flying
Personnel of the Cathay Pacific
Airways attended the funeral
yesterday of Miss Olive Bailey,
CPA air hostess who was one
of the victims of the Dakota
crash on Thursday.

The service was conducted by
C. Percy Smith, the vicar of
Christ Church.

Besides the chief mourners
who included her mother, and
her sister Edith, others present
were Captain Furler, Messrs. M.
Baker, D.O. Silver, Gardner,
Ribeiro, Val Carmack, Mrs. Egan,
V.L. Spink, and Misses Fer-
nandes, C. Vinsky, E. Dence, I.
Forster, Azvedo, L. Castro, I.
Machado, L. Fernandes and many
others.

Many wreaths were sent by
relatives and friends.
Miss O. Bailey was a former
student of the Italian Convent
Hong Kong. About a year before
joining CPA, she was a star vocal
artist with Eddie Guzman and
his Orchestra at the Ritz, where
she was known as "Dolores"
Bailey. She was partly educated
in the Colony and partly in
Shanghai. She was 24 years old.
Miss O. Bailey is survived by
her mother, and three sisters,
one of whom is in Australia.

Influx Of Ships As Fog Lifts

An unusual influx of ocean-
going vessels after 5.30 p.m.
was recorded on Saturday when
the heavy fog which had pre-
valled since last Monday began
to lift.

Eleven steamers made their
way in slowly into the harbour
between 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.
One ship, at least, had been
anchored outside local waters
since Tuesday, waiting for the
fog to clear. She was the ss.
Gangoli, which berthed alongside
Kowloon Wharf late on Saturday.

Because of the fog, there were
very few arrivals of ships in port
on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thurs-
day and Friday. Those that
managed to enter port utilised
radar, with which they were
equipped.

Waiting for seven days, Waglan
Island's fog horn took a rest yester-
day.
Lighthouse officers on the Is-
land began sounding the horn last
Monday to warn vessels heading
for the harbour.

The heavy fog which forced the
fog horn to be sounded at regu-
lar intervals day and night
lifted yesterday and the horn
stopped operating at 10.45 a.m.

ST. DAVID'S

SOCIETY SERVICE
The St. David's Society Service
was held at the St. John's
Cathedral yesterday when Bishop
N.V. Halward preached the
sermon.

The lesson was read by Mr. H.
Owen Hughes and the Rev. P.
Jones read the service.

Mr. R. J. Jones, President of
the St. David's Society was pre-
sent at the service.

A wreath laying ceremony of
the St. David's Society will be
held at the Cenotaph at 8.30 a.m.
tomorrow, and the Annual Din-
ner will be at the Hong Kong
Hotel Roof Garden at 8.30 p.m.

Bulgarian Pastor Admits Spying

(Continued from Page 1)

Pastor Zlapkov said Pastor
Miskov, who was educated in the
United States and had relatives
in England, agreed to supply him
with information for the British.
After this meeting, Pastor
Zlapkov said he was surprised to
receive a visit from Mr. Cyril
Black, of the American Mission,
with whose father he had been
in contact before the war.

Mr. Black told him, he said,
that he did not like his assign-
ment, that Bulgaria was not a
free country and that the new
regime had been established at
the cost of 30,000 victims. When
he told Mr. Black that his last
information was incorrect, Mr.
Black suggested that he might
become a better source of in-
formation, Pastor Zlapkov al-
leged.

Pastor Zlapkov said he agreed
to do this because he had always
been pro-American and had
given information to Mr. Black's
father before the war. He told
the court that he then went to
see Mr. Andrews of the British
Mission in December, 1944, and
told him of his agreement with
Mr. Black.

Mr. Andrews voiced no objec-
tions "because the British and
American policy in the Balkans
coincided," but, he said, Mr.
Andrews asked that he should
keep the British informed about
all the more important informa-
tion he turned over to the
Americans.

The pastor said that the
Americans did not know of his
work for the British. He again
broke into tears when he said:
"This is how I got into this very
uncomfortable situation when I
was working for two countries
and dividing my loyalty between
the two countries."

He then added that Mr. Black
had asked him to supply "par-
ticularly military information."

End Of Career

Zlapkov continued his testi-
mony by saying that he was ar-
rested on November 4. "That was
the end of my espionage career,"
he added. "Why did I do it? After
the liberation we were all afraid
of the Communists. We had no
idea how they would treat us
and what would be their attitude
towards us. We knew about the
first acts of the Russian Revolu-
tion and we thought they would
be the same here. They were
entirely different."

"I do not want to hide this
from you, that I have been pro-
British and pro-American, but
here and now I want to state
that blood is after all thicker
than water. I am a Bulgarian.
With the Anglo-Americans I first
had spiritual ties, but later these
became espionage ties under the
veil of religion."

Still weeping and wiping his
eyes with his handkerchief, he
said: "This is where I sinned." He
said he did not realise how great
an enemy he was serving. "I
wish to compare only Greece and
Bulgaria," he said, "there is
peace and well-being here and
civil war and misery in Greece.
Greece is a base of American im-
perialism. That is why they were
so interested in our production.
We became the tools of the
enemy. We became the weapons
of American imperialism."

"I sold myself to a foreign
power and gave up my people. I
consciously impeded the march
ahead of the new State. No mat-
ter how terrible this trial is for
me, I do not look upon it as a
disaster. It is the end of an old
criminal activity and the begin-
ning of something new and good.
It is a homecoming for me."

After saying that he had allow-
ed his Church to be turned into
a spy nest, Pastor Zlapkov asked
"Comrade judges, what will you
do with me? Will you make me
into a new man? A pile of earth
would be of no use to anyone,
but a new man would be useful
to our country and our people."
—Reuter.

LST Back For Repairs To Damaged Bow

The Philippine LST North
West is back again in dock,
undergoing repairs to her dam-
aged portside bow, sustained
when she struck a rock en
route to North Korea 600 miles
from Hong Kong on February
21.

She left the Colony in the mid-
dle of this month with about 300
tons of local cargo to barter with
the Korean Reds.

The North West arrived here
late on Saturday night with her
bow in danger of leaking.

She hit a rock at 10.30 p.m. in
thick fog while en route to the
North but was ruptured half an
hour later when the tide rose.

The route to Shanghai was
considered dangerous, because it
was feared that the heavy waves
might further batter the damaged
bow, to cause a serious leak. The
ship was also sailing against the
tide.

The master decided to head for
Hong Kong, following the tide and
winds favourably.

It was reported that a part of
the bow was imbedded to a depth
of about two feet in the hull.
The North West is under survey
by Anderson and Co., Ltd., who
are expected to complete the re-
pairs by the end of the month.

She is now at Kowloon Dock-
yard.

Street Guards Planned For Protection

The organisation of street
guards for the purpose of self-
protection is being planned by
shops on Queen's Road, the
"China Mail" learnt from au-
thoritative sources yesterday.
In a circular to all shops on
Queen's Road, the Planning
Board says that in those times
of economic depression, there is
always the possibility of un-
lawful acts occurring that
would jeopardise industry and
trade.

For the sake of security, mea-
sures must be taken for self-
protection and mutual aid in
case of emergency, the circular
went on to say, and under the
supervision and direction, and
with the approval of the au-
thorities, the organisation of a
corps of street guards will be
dealt with by the Planning Board
by all proprietors of shops on
this road.

The address of the Board was
given as 287 Queen's Road, Cen-
tral, second floor. Among the
promoters of the scheme are the
King's Theatre, the Queen's
Theatre, the Commercial Press,
the China Emporium, On Lok
Yuen, the Sun Ying Ming Studio
and the Tai Hang Goldsmiths.
Altogether 30 names of pro-
prietors are enlisted as promoters
of the circular.

Lau Chuen, aged 25, of No. 4
Cross Street, ground floor, took
a dose of sleeping tablets at 9
p.m. last night.
It was said he lost his money
in gambling. He died on the way
to the hospital.

Scorpions Win Over Optimists

The Intra-Club cricket match
between HKCC "Scorpions"
and HKCC "Optimists" at
Chater Road yesterday result-
ed in a win for the "Scor-
pions" by four wickets.

Taking first lease of the
wicket, the "Optimists" found
runs hard to get, especially
against the deadly bowling of
Frank Howarth, who took six
wickets for 39 runs.

The "Optimists" were given
a good start by Arthy, who
played a great fighting innings
against bowlers of the type of
Pearce, Howarth, Owen Hughes
and Gee. Arthy had 41 to his
credit when he was caught by
Howarth off McLeod.

Oliver (31), Miller (22) and
(16) helped with the scoring, but
the other batsmen collapsed
miserably, with the result that
the "Optimists" were all out for
139 runs.

Murray Brown, who opened for
the "Scorpions" attacked the
bowling confidently and had
scored 64 when he had the mis-
fortune to be given out. How-
arth, Owen Hughes contributed
a useful 22 runs, while Frank
Howarth rounded off a good
day's work by scoring 18.

After scoring the necessary
runs for victory, the "Scorpions"
continued batting and were all
out for 165 runs.

Bailey, who was put on to bowl
somewhat late, gave a good
account of himself by claiming
the wickets of Leach, Howarth
and Gee for 14 runs.

OPTIMISTS

N.E. Arthy, c Howarth, b	41
McLeod, c and b Gee	16
L.D. Oliver, lbw Howarth	31
R. Pearce, lbw Howarth	4
G.T. Bailey, b Howarth	5
K.A. Miller, c McLeod, b	22
Owen Hughes	22
R.V. Franklin, b Howarth	2
T.P. Mahon, c Gibbons, b	0
Howarth	1
W.T. Slinger, b Howarth	8
E.S. Eron, not out	9
M.R. Wood, b Owen Hughes	1
Extras	12
Total	139

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howarth	16	4	39	6
Pearce	7	2	20	1
Gee	4	1	14	1
McLeod	9	3	28	1
Murray Brown	2	1	1	—
W.T. Slinger	2	1	1	—
Owen Hughes	5	2	25	2

SCORPIONS

W. Murray Brown, lbw	64
Franklin	2
O.J. Kerr, c Bailey, b Mahon	13
T.A. Pearce, lbw Arthy	4
M. Newton, c Slinger, b	11
T.P. Mahon	11
H. Owen Hughes, c Oliver, b	20
Arthy	18
D.H. Leach, c Kilbee, b Bailey	5
F. Howarth, c Arthy, b Bailey	12
I. McLeod, c Slinger, b Eron	2
G. Gibbons, not out	2
F. Gee, b Bailey	2
A.P. Weir, b Slinger	5
Extras	165

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mahon	7	4	40	2
Oliver	3	1	10	—
Arthy	7	4	41	2
Franklin	3	2	26	1
Wood	2	3	3	—
Eron	3	1	7	1
Bailey	3	3	14	3
Kilbee	2	1	13	1
Slinger	1	—	—	—

Squatter Huts Demolished In Wanchai

More than 50 squatters'
sheds, erected on roof-tops,
vacant grounds and among
rubble in an area between Tai
Wong Sai Street and the junc-
tion of Hennessy Road and
Johnston Road, Wanchai, were
pulled down by the Health De-
partment yesterday.

According to an official of the
Health Department, the dwellers
were given ample time to move
their belongings out of the
sheds before they were pulled
down.

Squatters' huts on the old site
of Queen's College at Hollywood
Road add on vacant grounds at
Tai Ping Shan Street, Po Ling
Fong area, are awaiting to be
demolished but hut dwellers told
the "China Mail" that they have
not yet received notices from the
Health Department.

During the past two months
about 4,000 of these hut dwellers
were made homeless when three
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YACHT BUILDER HAS MORE THAN MEMORIES, INTENDS CARRYING ON

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Seventy years ago, a young Chinese dock artisan attracted the attention of visiting officers of the Royal Navy by his ardent interest and skill in handling sailing craft. As a result, whenever dinghies of His Majesty's ships were in need of repairs, young Ah King was sent for when they called at Hong Kong.

Today, the outgrowth of a small "home-made" slipway at the present site of the Victoria Recreation Club, Ah King Slipway, is an important landmark of the port of Hong Kong—known to many yachting lovers all over the world.

For three of the sailing craft built at the Colony's only known large-scale yacht building yard have made sailing history.

In 1935 the 40-foot yacht *Romance* sailed from Hong Kong across the Pacific Ocean to Vancouver arriving there without any mishap. The *Romance*, completed after four months at Ah King Slipway, was managed by her owner, Captain Green, former master of the *Empress of Asia*, his son and a Chinese friend.

Estimated to have cost HK\$40,000 (at the current price), the 70-foot long yacht *So Fong* took four months to reach San Francisco from the Colony in 1947. She took six months to be completed.

The third craft built at Ah King Slipway, whose successful trip further spread the already-known fame of the builders, was the *Chang Ho*, a junk-style but yacht-designed craft. Special fittings were sent from America by the owner, believed to be one of the Rockefeller family.

Dr. Fairchild sailed in the *Chang Ho* from Hong Kong through the South Sea Islands in

Singapore XV Arrive

The Singapore United Services Rugby XV arrived at Kai Tak yesterday afternoon and appear to be very fit. The team will have a kick about this morning at Soekunpo at 10 a.m. and will meet the Club XV at 5 p.m. today on the Club Ground at Happy Valley.

For those who can manage to get away, this game should be well worth watching. Arrangements and prices of admission to the Ground will be the same as for Saturday.

CENTURY BY SIMPSON HELPS MCC

Durban, February 26. Thanks to a fine fighting century by Reginald Simpson, the MCC were able to lead Natal on the first innings by 20 runs with one wicket to fall on the second day of their match here.

At the close of play, the MCC had made 237 for 9 wickets in reply to Natal's total of 217.

Simpson, who opened the innings with Hutton, carried his bat for a splendid 119. With wickets falling at regular intervals, he shouldered the responsibility magnificently.

It was Simpson's third century of the tour. He batted faultlessly during his stay of four and three-quarter hours.

He and Hutton put on 72 for the opening partnership and then with the wicket beginning to take spin, wickets began to fall.

Payn, in particular with his left arm, was the most effective and in one over dismissed Bedser, Gladwin and Griffith.

Earlier in the day when the pitch was still easy, Wright applied off Natal's innings by taking their last two wickets with three balls.

The scoreboard at the end of the second day's play read:

NATAL: First Innings: 217

MCC First Innings:

Hutton, b Payn 43

Simpson, not out 119

Palmer, c de Gersmyn, b Markham 2

Crapp, b Tayfield 17

Mann, st Williams, b Downing 0

Tremlett, b Downing 11

Bedser, b Payn 0

Gladwin, b Payn 0

Griffith, b Payn 0

J. Young, st Williams, b Tayfield 4

Wright, not out 10

Extras 7

Total (for 9) 237

BOWLING

O M R W

McCarthy 10 1 44 0

Dawson 0 0 17 0

Payn 26 4 28 4

Tayfield 26 0 48 3

Markham 0 0 50 3

Downing 11 0 26 2

Nine-Month Job

The *Chang Ho*, which took nine months to build was estimated to have cost HK\$70,000. Shortly after war was declared, she was sold to the United States Navy for US\$100 as a token for the training of naval cadets.

Ah King died in 1940 and his two sons, Ah Hoi and Ah Long, are carrying on, both determined to maintain the high standard set by their father.

"I look over from my father in 1935, and under my own hands we have built about 50 junk lady craft for the United States and several yachts and yaws," 45-year-old Ah Hoi, present head of the enterprise, said in an interview yesterday.

The Causeway Bay slipway, which was established in 1910 after moving from its old site at Wanchai, the first being at the present site of the VRC—was badly damaged by bombs during the war. Since the end of hostilities no building work has been done.

"I have lost many of the old hands who have gone back to their farms. Some died during the war. With the new staff we find it very difficult to maintain our former high quality standard. As a result, we are only operating as a service yard, repairing and maintaining mostly craft of the Chinese Maritime Customs and the Royal Yacht Club," he said.

"Higher cost of labour and materials has been another factor preventing our resumption of the building business.

"However, we are now working on a new slipway at Tai Mo Shan which we expect to complete by the end of this year. By that time, too, we hope to import machinery from America to incorporate in our work. We may be able to produce more and faster.

Numerous Inquiries

"Inquiries and quotations from abroad, mainly from the United States, have been numerous. But under the present circumstances we cannot do anything. We dare not sacrifice our integrity which my father had built up for so many years.

"Before the war we ordered many of our fittings from London. Now we have to depend mainly on local auctioned stuff as it is very difficult to procure them from abroad today.

"However, being a member of the Hong Kong Timber Merchants Association I have facilities to obtain teak and the necessary timber from Burma and Siam. This pegs down our cost considerably.

"There is talk at present of a Chinese Yacht Club being planned. But nothing concrete has been done yet.

"No, I have not been approached by the proposed Nautical Club for a number of yachts and yaws," Ah Hoi replied to a query, adding that he had not heard about it yet.

A former student of the Sacred Heart School here, Ah Hoi was born in the Colony. He studied for some years at the Pui Cheng Middle School at Canton.

"This kind of work is hereditary in our family. During my schooldays, my brother and I used to spend most of our play time in the slipway, toying with the instruments and observing the workmen.

"My best job was to build 100 life boats for the Blue Funnel Line during the European war," the genial, robust yacht builder recalled.

He was also responsible for the building of the *Chang Ho*, *So Fong* and *Romance*.

"I myself have eight sons now. My brother has three sons and two daughters. So you can see very well that Ah King Slipway will carry on for another century," Ah Hoi remarked.

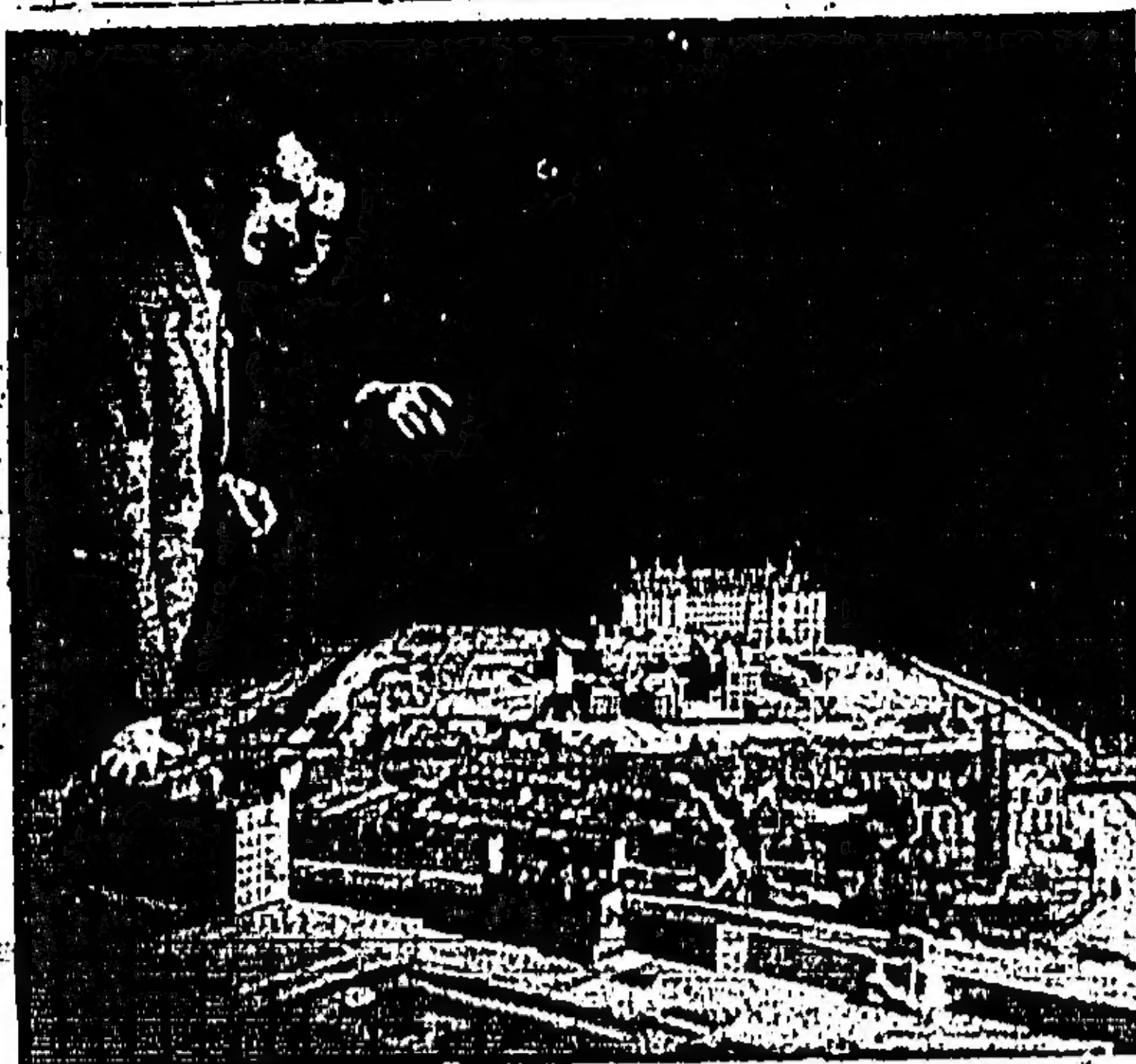
And not far away, four little boys in dungaree overalls were manning a talk lady under the palms, shouting loudly to one another and operating the craft in "make-believe".

"There, you see! Ah Hoi winked meaningly.

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Work started recently on the construction, at a cost of a quarter of a million pounds, of a river wall between County Hall and Waterloo Bridge—first part of the construction scheme for the 1951 Festival of Britain. The river wall will reclaim some 1,700 feet and four and a half acres from the River Thames. When completed, the reclaimed land will form part of the terraced gardens for the Festival. Picture shows the model of the new river wall seen recently at the County Hall, Westminster.

Sangola Finally Makes Port After Fog Delay

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

So near yet so far—that's how about 2,000 people people aboard the ss. *Sangola* felt about Hong Kong when the Peninsula and Oriental steamer was held up outside local waters for five days, entering port late on Saturday. This was the longest delay caused by fog since the Liberation, according to shipping sources.

The *Sangola*, coming from India via the Straits, brought about 1,700 passengers, including Indian artists for the Kamala circus, a group of Gurkhas, three Japanese repatriates, Chinese returnees bound for Amoy and 2,000 tons of cargo, among which were two Scout trucks, raw cotton and tin sheets.

On the way from Singapore, the *Sangola* encountered rough seas, and, to quote several passengers, "it was hell." The majority had to stay in bed throughout the two-day ordeal, feeling sick.

There were 10 Europeans among the 86 first class fares, including Brigadier R.H.D. Johns, Lieutenant Colonel C. G. Hurt and Mrs. Burt (disembarking here), Captain R.E.F. Maitland, Mr. Paul Sykes and Mr. J. H. Mills, all bound for Kobe.

Among the unheralded passengers there are more than 1,000 Chinese returnees, bound for Amoy, for which the *Sangola* is due to leave here on Tuesday. Huddled together in the holds, they have improvised scattered camps for themselves. Household paraphernalia, including bicycles, children's toy machines and furniture, were propped up to form barricades, inside which mingled members of the families, from the crying infant to the aged grandmothers.

Mostly natives of Amoy, they were formerly farmers, small-business men and labourers who have ruved enough to see their native villages after years of working in the Malay states and Singapore.

Nine Indians

Disembarking here to take a ship to Sandakan are nine Indians who are joining the Kamala Circus. Headed by a 52-year-old veteran of two world wars, Mr. H.G. Nair, the party includes four star artists—a rope dancer, a comic cyclist, Sandow the Strong and an acrobat.

Formerly members of the Indian circus, which visited the Colony recently and is now performing in the Philippines, the group left for their respective homes when the circus was at Ceylon. They were recalled and instructed to join the circus at Sandakan, recently.

Natives of Tellicherry, South India, where India derives her circus artists, they began their "sweetest career" when they were children. The comic cyclist, K. Govindan, began gyrating on a bicycle when only six years old. For the past 28 years, he had been with about eight circuses. He has been with the Kamala Circus for eight years already.

He is, moreover, Sandow for the past 11 years, has been lifting fabulous weights. He can also feature in aerobating on a bicycle.

Rugby Union Tournery Left Wide Open

London, February 26.

The Rugby Union international championship is left wide open as a result of today's two matches between England and France, at Twickenham, and Scotland and Ireland, at Murrayfield.

Ireland's victory at Murrayfield by two goals, one penalty goal (13 points) to one penalty goal (three points) enable them to move into the lead with Scotland, who suffered their first defeat of the season, with four match points each.

England scored their first victory since April, 1947, in beating France by one goal, one dropped goal (8 points) to one dropped goal (3 points) at Twickenham. France, who have yet to win at Twickenham, and Wales, have two match points each.

England's victory which surprised the critics, was mainly due to the fine opportunism of Ivor Preece, who earlier this season had been dropped, but was recalled as captain and stand-off half. Preece was a master in both attack and defence, his kicking and sense of a likely opening, being superb.

The English team showed six changes from the last and was based on experimental lines. Splendid work by the forwards against a much heavier pack, keen marking and steady tackling, left the 65,000 crowd in no doubt as to the justice of the result.

The fullback Holmes's long kicking was an outstanding feature of the game.

France brought J. Pilon in for M. Terreau at the last minute. Their backs were too prone to orthodox to make much headway, and the wings were checked time after time before they could get into their stride. The visitors' pack was disappointing, although Prat and Sord did their best to pull them together.

Surprise Setback

Scotland's hopes of winning the championship received a surprise setback at Murrayfield, where before a crowd of 50,000 Ireland, the holders, won a hard, if rather scrappy game.

Although Ireland lost to France in Dublin last month, they can still win the triple crown by beating Wales at Swansea in two weeks' time and may yet retain the championship.

Apart from the early phases of the game, Scotland never looked like succeeding. Their forwards failed to hold the fiery Irishmen in the loose and this factor more than anything else brought about the Scots' downfall.

All the Irish team played splendidly with McCarthy, who scored both tries, a vigilant wing forward, and North at fullback, perhaps the outstanding man of the match by landing all the goals. Norton brought his total of points in three internationals this season to 24.

Alliance was Scotland's seer. Cannon scored England's try, which Holmes converted in five minutes. Preece dropped a goal in the second half. Alvarez dropped France's only goal in the latter stages of the game.—Reuter.

Results Of Home Rugby Games

London, February 26. The following are results of rugby matches played today:

Union: London Scottish 17 Cambridge University 3. Old Paulines 11. Aldershot Services 5. Richmond 12. Old Merchant Taylors 18. St. Mary's Hospital 6. London Welsh 6. St. Thomas's Hospital 5. United Services, Portsmouth 5. Middlesex Hospital 5. Nuneaton 6. Edinburgh University 6. Harwick 6. Edinburgh Wanderers 5. Kelso 6. King's College, London 19. Royal Veterinary College 3. Barnsley 5. Devonport Services 0. Bath 13. Wasps 8. Birkenhead Park 11. Waterloo 30. Birmingham 3. Aberllyn 3. Bradford 3. Rosslyn Park 19. Coventry 6. RAF 3. Cross Keys 3. Weston-super-Mare 3. Exeter 20. Redruth 3. Gloucester 6. Cardiff 8. Llanelli 3. Aberavon 0. Manchester 3. Liverpool 14. Newbridge 0. Newport 20. Blackheath 3. Northampton 9. Leicester 3. Notts 19. Rugby 8. Penarth 3. Pontypool 8. Plymouth Albion 0. Bedford 9. Royal Navy 14. Harlequins 11. Sale 3. Moseley 3. Swansea 21. Bristol 13. Maestor 5. Bridgend 3.

League: Cup, first round, second leg replay: Leigh 4 Wigan 10 (Leigh eliminated).

Club matches: Barrow 19 Rochdale Hornets 6. Batley 7 Bradford Northern 12. Bramley 4 Dewsbury 10. Castleford 8 York 2. Halifax 4. Workington Town 4. Hull Kingston Rovers 17. Leeds 20. Liverpool 3. Featherstone Rovers 3. Salford 12. Belle Vue Rangers 3. St. Helens 8. Swinton 11. Wakefield Trinity 30. Hull 4. Warrington 34. Oldham 12. Whitehaven 3. Keighley 3.—Reuter.

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A. J. DAY,
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and
COMPANIES (RECONSTRUCTION OF RECORDS) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1948 RECONSTRUCTION OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

Messrs. William Powell Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") has applied to the Registrar of Companies for leave to reconstruct its Register of Members, under Section 12 of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947 and Section 3 of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) (Amendment) Ordinance 1948.

The statutory declaration in support of the application and the exhibits thereto (being list of persons who it is believed are entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company and Report of Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., Chartered Accountants, Windsor House, Hongkong on the Reconstruction of the Register of Members) can be inspected, on payment of the prescribed fees, in the office of the Registrar of Companies, Courts of Justice, Hongkong. A copy of the statutory declaration and the exhibits thereto may also be inspected at the Company's Registered Office during ordinary working hours.

All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company and who have not already done so must notify the Company of their FULL NAMES AND ADDRESSES, their claim and the evidence upon which it is based WITHIN THREE MONTHS from the 14th day of February, 1949.

Persons who hold Share Certificates and Transfer deeds (if any) are requested to produce them at the Company's Registered Office if they have not already done so. Shareholders who have lost their Scrip are requested to write to the Company giving all known particulars of their holding and the circumstances of the loss, when further information will be given as to any further evidence required.

All notices and communications should be addressed to the Company at its Registered Office, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong.

Signed:—E. W. McCarthy,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong.

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Monthly Tickets and School Children's Tickets for the month of March 1949, issued at \$18.00 and \$9.00 per ticket respectively and restricted to Route Nos. 1 to 13 (inclusive) only, can be obtained as follows:—

On 27th and 28th February and 1st, 2nd & 3rd March between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. at Tsim Tsa Tui Bus Terminal Office, and thereafter at the Company's Office 153 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, during business hours only.

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School children making application for the first ticket shall produce for the Company's records a school certificate bearing his or her photograph.

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The Company reserves the right to refuse the issue of Monthly Ticket or School Children's Ticket to any person whom they consider ineligible.

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February 26, 1949.

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As from March 1, 1949 the Route No. 4 Bus Service between Vehicular Ferry Pier and Queen Mary Hospital will run via Connaught Road Central, Pedder Street, Queen's Road Central & West, & Pokfulam Road and not via Garden Road, Calne Road & Bonham Road as at present.

There will be a 15 minute service instead of a 30 minute service as at present and the times of departure will be as follows:—

From Y.F. Pier every 15 minutes—from 7.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

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The fares will be as follows:—

V.F. Pier to Q.M. Hospital 30 cents.

V.F. Pier to University 20 cents.

Hong Kong, Feb. 25, 1949.

NOTICE

Change of Address

WHELOCK MARDEN & COMPANY LIMITED

As from Monday, February 28, the office of this Company will be situated at 218/219 Queen's Building (2nd Floor) P.O. Box No. 85 (Entrance in Ice House Street).

Telephone No. 33602.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Cathay Pacific Airways office at 4 Chater Road will close at Noon Monday 28th. February and reopen in Butterfield & Swire Building 1, Connaught Road at 9 a.m. Tuesday 1st. March.

Telephone Numbers:—

General Manager 31161

Operations Manager 31162

Traffic Manager 31162

General Office 30331

Passenger Bookings 30331

Kowloon Traffic Office 54260

Kai Tak Terminal Bldg. 59505

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1-Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday the 5th day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th of February to Saturday the 5th of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the office of the Undersigned on Friday, the 18th March, 1949, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th March to the 18th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, Feb. 25, 1949.

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

There will be a casting meeting for a Radio Play on Monday, February 28 at 8 p.m. in the China Fleet Club. All who are interested are invited to attend and read.

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

A special casting meeting for "Twelfth Night" will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 8 p.m. in the China Fleet Club. All who are interested and new members especially are invited to attend and read.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of HERBERT MALCOLM ROBERT HODGMAN late of the Texas Company (China), Limited and of 14, Stubbs Road in the Colony of Hong Kong, Gentleman deceased

and

IN THE GOODS of CELIA MARION HODGMAN (formerly Celia Marion Sundius Smith) the lawful wife of Herbert Malcolm Robert Hodgman deceased late of 14, Stubbs Road aforesaid deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estates to the 19th day of March, 1949.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that Date.

DATED the 19th day of February, 1949.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Administrator
Prince's Building,
Hong Kong.

THE VIBRO PILING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 14th Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 1st floor, York Building, on Saturday, March 12, 1949, at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving a Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from March 8 to March 12, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. E. d'ALMADA REMEDIOS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 26, 1949.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held in the Hong Kong HOTEL ROOF GARDEN on THURSDAY, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

All Members are particularly urged to attend.

By Order,

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.,
Secretaries & Treasurers.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 12, 1949 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Thursday, March 3, 1949.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

"PARLIAMENT TODAY"

The third in the series of lectures by Mr. Brook Bernacchi will be given tomorrow (Tuesday), March 1, in the Club Lusitano, 10 Ice House Street, at 8.45 p.m.

A film describing the General Election of 1945 will precede the lecture.

The British Council, Status Square, Hong Kong.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

LENGTH DETERMINES IT

WITH A HAND which justifies bids of two suits, the question of which should be called first is not dependent on the relative strength of them, but on their length. When they are touching suits—both majors, or both red suits, or both minors—the higher should always be called first if they are equal in length and both truly biddable. Truly biddable meaning, with good players, either at least a five-card length or four headed by the jack or better. Only when the lower ranking suit is longer should it be bid before the immediately adjoining higher suit.

South got himself in a terrible pickle at Table 2, after opening with the lower-ranking diamonds. He was almost afraid to show the hearts at all, as that "revue" bid of the higher suit might make North think he had more strength and so get the side into an unmakeable game. He chanced that anyway, rather than rebid the diamonds or call game in No Trumps. Naturally a spade lead ruined the No Trump contract, as two tricks had to be lost before nine could be established.

Tomorrow's Problem
S J 10 9 8
H K Q 2
D 8 7 6
C 10 8 3
S A Q 3 2
H 6
D A Q 10
C K 9 7
S 7 6
H A 9 8 4 3
D K 9 5
C A 4

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

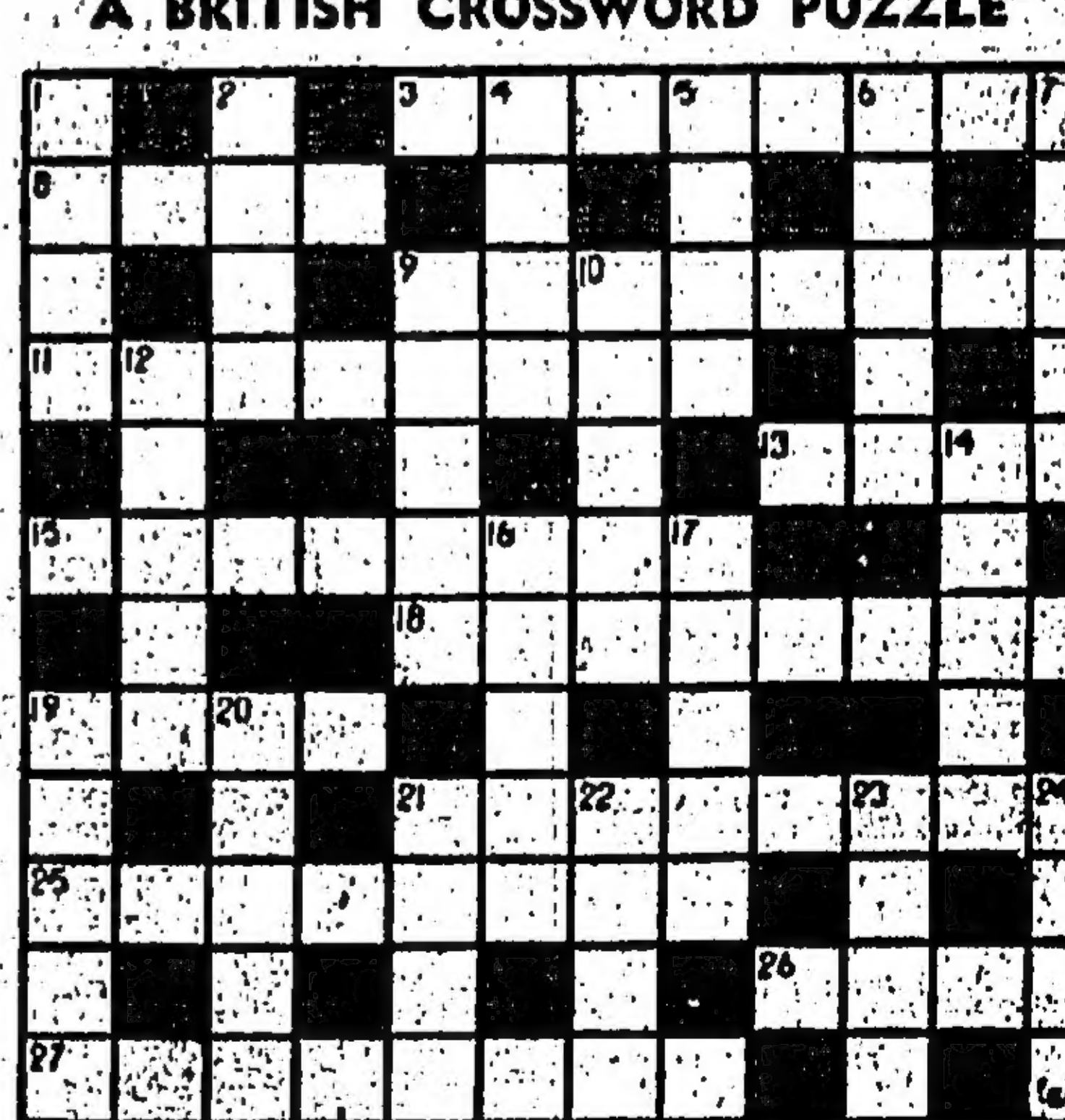
South West North East
1. 1 S Pass 2 C Pass
2. 2 D Pass 3 NT Pass
3. 3 H Pass 4 H Pass
4. 4 D Pass 5 NT Pass

Notice how easy it was for South to show his two suits, plus the fact that they are five-carders, when he opened with the higher-ranking hearts at Table 1. Having shown his diamonds next, he knew he could give a five-five message about them with his rebid of the lower after North

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

How should South play to limit his losses to minimum after West leads the diamond J to the A against his 3-Hearts doubled, and the diamond Q is returned?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
8 Series of military operations.
9 Set going.
11 Limit.
13 Challenge.
15 Bolaces.
18 Abstaining from alcohol.
19 Gainsay.
21 Put off.
22 Got ready.
23 Tumble.
27 Essay.
Down
1 Wound.
2 Bill of fare.
4 Indian coin.
5 Compassion.
6 Foolish.
7 Necessary.
8 Dolt.
10 Angry.
12 Exhilarating almost.
14 Shape.
16 Allude.
17 Mount.
18 Headquarters.
20 Relative.
21 Move suddenly.
22 Emoluments.
23 Wander.
24 Uninteresting.
Remedy, 10 Annulled, 12 Regular, 13 Ceased, 14 Untrue, 16 Brown, 17 Term.

ATLANTIC PACT WILL COMMIT U.S. TO ACTION AGAINST AGGRESSOR

London Denies Cairo Report

London, February 20. A British Foreign Office spokesman today denied a Cairo newspaper report that Britain is proposing to withdraw troops from the Suez Canal if Egypt signs a treaty with the Western Bloc.

"The story is untrue," the spokesman said, "no such proposal is being drafted."

He said that Britain has always been willing to seek a new treaty with Egypt to guarantee a "reasonable measure of security" for the Middle East. — Associated Press.

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For the convenience of Kowloon Residents a special Ferry will run from Police Pier, Kowloon to Fernick Rd Pier, (opp. Theatre) at 8.25 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday and 8.55 p.m. on Friday, returning immediately the show is over. Fare for return journey \$1.

Cotton Goods Competition

London, February 20. Mr. L. D. Gammons, Conservative Member of Parliament, said in London today that he was convinced, following a visit to the Far East, that neither the Government nor the people of Britain realised that Japanese competition in cotton goods was likely to be "far fiercer than it was before the war."

"Japan is no longer just Korea, Formosa, her shipping or her engineering to support her and it is upon textiles that she must concentrate," Mr. Gammons told a Conservative meeting. — Reuter.

Mayhew Claims Refuted

London, February 20. Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight repudiated a statement by Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, at Lake Success last Wednesday in which Mr. Mayhew told the United Nations Economic and Social Council that Britain had "long passed the recovery stage" and did not need as much aid as that proposed for the second full year of the European Recovery Programme.

Sir Stafford said in a statement that Mr. Mayhew had suggested that recovery in the United Kingdom was now complete. Doubts had been expressed in the United States whether in these circumstances Britain needed the proposed aid of \$940,000,000.

"In fact," the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement said, "recovery in the United Kingdom is not complete and its achievement is dependent upon the continuation of American assistance."

British production was now substantially above the pre-war levels of production but she would need next year food, goods and services from the Western Hemisphere valued at more than \$1,000 million in excess of the dollars she could hope to earn.

"Continuation of American assistance is therefore a vital element in our progress towards full recovery," the statement declared. "Moreover, aid to Britain is essential not only to our own recovery but also to the recovery of Western Europe."

A setback in the recovery of Britain would inevitably react directly upon the recovery of Western Europe as a whole. — Reuter.

of the Greeks to hold a meeting and settle this incident."

Mr. Lie sent the complaint to the Special Committee on the Balkans. — United Press.

Bomb Drops In Bulgaria

Lake Success, February 25.

Bulgaria has protested to the United Nations against the dropping of a bomb by Greek planes on Bulgarian territory on January 20, the Secretary General of the United Nations (Mr. Trygve Lie) disclosed today.

A cablegram from the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, Mr. Vassil Kolarev, said five Greek planes bombing a Greek village dropped one bomb about 50 metres inside the frontier line. The missile did not explode.

The message said Bulgaria protested to the Greek frontier authorities, who referred the complaint to a frontier post which no longer existed.

Mr. Kolarev added: "I protest emphatically against this violation of Bulgarian territory and against this lack of goodwill on the part of the Greeks."

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"NO ORCHIDS FOR MISS BLANDISH"

Armed Gang Raids Indian Installations

Calcutta, February 26.

A gang of armed youths killed at least five people, including two policemen and wounded seven others, in attacks today on the Dum Dum airport, an ammunition factory, a British engineering firm and two police outposts near Calcutta.

The attackers threw bombs at the sentries at the airport, and fired at aircraft on the aerodrome and at everyone in their path. None of the airport valuables were taken.

The attack on the ammunition factory, a few hundred yards from the airport, was made by a lone raider.

A factory sentry was injured as he returned the attacker's fire.

The foreman of the British engineering company attacked, Jessop and Company, was stabbed to death and his assistant was wounded. The charred bodies, which were not immediately identified, were later found in the factory's furnace. Two Company officers, believed to be Europeans, were missing.

After leaving the airport, the armed gang drove to Dourlaur, about ten miles away, where they raided a police outpost and captured some arms.

Then moving on to Basirhat, little over 50 miles East of Calcutta, they attacked a second police station, killing at least

two constables. Other policemen captured two of the gang.

The new emergency police regulations were enforced throughout the province as news of the attacks spread.

A communiqué on the raid issued by the West Bengal Government tonight said that four officers of Jessop and Company were still missing.

It was confirmed tonight that a company official was stabbed to death, another was wounded and two charred bodies were found in the works' furnace.

A bomb was thrown into the office of the works' manager, and there were other explosions, the communiqué said.

In their raid on the police outpost at Basirhat, the attackers looted and fired the building before they left.

Some of the attackers were believed to be wounded in an exchange of fire with the police. — Reuter.

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THEIR FINEST HOUR

I Start On A Mission
By Winston Churchill

shah Petain. The War Cabinet approved, at my suggestion, a further message explaining the point. But we were talking to the void.

Frittering Away

On the 17th also I sent a personal message to Marshal Petain and General Weygand, of which copies were to be furnished by our Ambassador to the French President and Admiral Darlan.

I wish to repeat to you my profound conviction that the illustrious Marshal Petain and the famous General Weygand, our comrades in two great wars against the Germans, will not in any way be less loyal to the cause of the Allies by delivering over to the enemy the fine French Fleet. Such an act would scarify their names for a thousand years of history. Yet this result may easily come by frittering away these few precious hours, when the Fleet can be sailed to safety in British or American ports, carrying with it the hope of the future and the honour of France.

In order that these appeals might not lack personal reinforcement on the spot, we sent the First Sea Lord, who believed himself to be in intimate personal and friendly touch with Admiral Darlan, the First Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, so long known as a friend of France. All these three laboured to make what contacts they could with the new Ministers during the 19th. They received many solemn assurances that the Fleet would never be allowed to fall into German hands. But no more French warships moved beyond the reach of the swiftly approaching German power.

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Reason For
New Delhi
Conference

New Delhi, February 28. An informed source said in New Delhi today the question of a British loan to Burma was the major reason for the "Informal conference" in New Delhi on Monday between Britain, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Australia. It was announced that Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner for South East Asia, will also attend.

Burma has asked Britain for a loan but that Britain is not prepared to act until the matter has been discussed with the Dominions taking part. The conference will be headed by Pandit Nehru and Dr. H. V. Easat, Australian External Affairs Minister and Deputy Premier.

"The meeting might last only one sitting," said a Foreign Ministry official. He said Dr. Easat was arriving here on Monday afternoon and Nehru was due to leave Delhi for Allahabad on Tuesday morning.

The source said India "is intensely" interested in Burma because:

1. They had a common frontier of hundreds of miles.
2. The presence of 700,000 Indians in Burma.
3. India's dependence on Burmese rice supplies.

He said mediation or a loan might be offered to Burma but not any military aid. He added the loan was intended to finance the exportable surplus of the current rice crop mainly to India and Malaya.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the High Commissioners of Pakistan and Ceylon in New Delhi are expected to represent their countries at the conference. —Associated Press.

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British Reds are reported to be going underground? Forming cells in the cellars?

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At Regent's Park Zoo a man was observed near the camels. He picked up a straw, placed it squarely on the camel's back and waited. Nothing happened. "Wrong straw," he muttered, and hurried off.

And as Sam Goldwyn said, anybody who would go to a psychiatrist ought to have his head examined.

Sign in a window displaying corsets: "These'll take your breath away."

A man named Lemmon has been doing good work among refugees. Lemmonaid?

"Manifest nonsense though this is, we feel that no harm, and possibly some good, may be done by reiteration of our editorial policy." —Gloucestershire paper.

The lovely woman lion tamer stood motionless as the lion took a piece of sugar from her lips. "I could do that," cried a young man.

"Would you dare?" sneered the woman.

"Yes," he said stoutly, "and do it better than the lion." General Percival thinks the Malayan Communist problem can be solved with co-operation from the Chinese Communist population. That echoing sound you heard was a ripe, red raspberry from Mao & Co.



"How about starting a black market in ground nuts?"

EXPORTS FROM
BRITAIN UP

London, February 26. Britain, the world's largest exporter of bicycles and motor cycles, sent overseas in January machines whose value exceeded £2,000,000 for the first time in one month.

This was an increase of almost £500,000 on January, 1948, figures issued by the trade today stated. Most of the 180,158 bicycles exported went to Malaya, India, Burma, the Dutch East Indies, Argentina, Venezuela and Mexico, and most of the 7,561 motor cycles to Australia and the Argentine. —Reuters.



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AID TO BRITAIN

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington has ordered a public review of the proposed US-\$940,000 recovery grant to Britain, in view of what are called wide discrepancies in estimates of Britain's recovery progress.

The usual spate of heated criticism, anti-British and semi-isolationist vituperation — largely for the benefit of constituents back home — can be expected from Anglophobes who may know nothing of international economics but everything about bigotry and hatred. And there will be explanations and speeches in favour of Britain by senators who have keener minds and can see further than the editorials in home town newspapers.

As we have said before, there is a lot of genuine disinterest and generosity in relief programmes to Europe, but most of those who pull the strings know that it is exceedingly to the benefit of the United States that war-torn countries abroad should be able to buy the products of America, particularly now when a slight dent in the prosperity spiral has been noted, and many commodity prices are on the downgrade. It is obvious to even the feeblest-minded student of economics that if the U.S. will not buy from the rest of the world a fifth of what she wants to export, and if there is no other means for them to buy dollars (convertibility in London still being suspended), there is only one way for her to avoid depression and that is by foreign loans. This is not sound economics, of course, but the steel, tobacco, grain and motion picture magnates see no other alternative at the moment.

Further, even those who do not have an axe to grind know that it is in America's interest to have a thriving Europe, back on its feet, which can pay hard cash for goods from across the Atlantic — and the quickest way to do that is by giving aid now. This does not mean that many honest persons have not had doubts about the way loans have been spent, or the fact that in Britain especially such assistance has been used to further political systems far opposed to individualism and free enterprise. Indeed, it is a measure of the vastly broadened outlook in the United States that millions could have been poured into the coffers of the Labour Government in London, which used them to assist in the nationalising of as much industry as possible.

The bitter little Bevans and Morrisons in Whitehall kept denouncing the evils of capitalism, but kept themselves and their very administration alive solely by the bounty of free enterprise America. Further, in the past few weeks, their apologists have been spouting abysmally untruthful claims that Britain is now on its own feet again, having made complete economic recovery.

Largely, one cannot help feel, because of the Conservative Party's inability to provide a constructive alternative platform, the Socialists have continued to retain their grip on the electorate, who are apparently still content to accept the overseas dole while they demand fewer and fewer working hours and higher pay. On the whole, America comes out of the argument with much higher honours than Britain, which should make up its mind once and for all which way it is

After sending M. Paul Reynaud the draft Declaration of Union on June 16, 1940, Mr. Churchill had arranged to take a cruiser from Southampton to Concarneau, in Brittany, to meet the French Premier.

OUR War Cabinet sat until six o'clock on the 10th, and thereafter I set out on my mission. I took with me the Leaders of the Labour and Liberal Parties, the three Chiefs of Staff, and various important officers and officials.

A special train was waiting at Waterloo. My wife had come to see me off. There was an odd delay in starting. Evidently some hitch had occurred. Presently my Private Secretary arrived from Downing-street breathless with the following message from Campbell [the British Ambassador] at Bordeaux: "Ministerial crisis has opened."

Hope to have news by midnight. Meanwhile meeting arranged for tomorrow impossible. "On this I returned to Downing-street with a heavy heart. The final scene in the Reynaud Cabinet was as follows. The hopes which M. Reynaud had founded upon the Declaration of Union were soon dispelled. Rarely has so generous a proposal encountered such a hostile reception. The Premier read the document twice to the Council. He declared himself strongly for it, and added that he was arranging a meeting with me for the next day to discuss the details. But the agitated Ministers, some famous, some nobodies, torn by division and under the terrible hammer of defeat, were staggered. Some were told heard about it by a tapping of telephones. These were the defeatists. Most were wholly unprepared to receive such far-reaching themes.

Mistrust Dominated

The overwhelming feeling of the Council was to reject the whole plan. Surprise and mistrust dominated the majority, and even the few friendly and resolute were baffled. The Council had met expecting to receive the answer to the French request, on which they had all agreed, that Britain should release France from her obligations of March 23, in order that the French might ask the Germans what their terms of armistice would be. It is possible, even probable, that if our formal answer had been laid before them the majority would have accepted our primary conditions about sending their fleet to Britain, or at least would have made some other proposal and thus freed them to open negotiations with the enemy, while reserving to themselves a final option of retirement to Africa. But now there was a classic example of "Order, counter-order, disorder."

Paul Reynaud was quite unable to overcome the unfavourable impression which the proposal of Anglo-French Union created. The defeatist section, led by Marshal Petain, refused even to examine the Vichy charges were made. "It was a last minute plan," "a surprise," "a scheme to put France in tutelage, or carry off her Colonial Empire." It relegated France, so they said, to the position of a Dominion.

Fatal Reverse

Beyond these came other arguments. Weygand had convinced Petain without much difficulty that England was lost. High French military authorities — perhaps Weygand himself — had advised: "In three weeks England will have her neck wrung like a chicken." To make a union with Great Britain was according to Petain, "fusion with a corpse." Ybarnegaray, who had been so stout in the previous war, exclaimed: "Better be a Nazi province. At least we know what that means." Senator Helbel, a personal friendly of General Weygand's declared that this scheme meant complete destruction for France, and anyhow definite subordination to England. In vain did Reynaud reply: "I prefer to collaborate with my Allies rather than with my enemies." And Mandel: "Would you rather be a German district than a British Dominion?" All was vain.

We are assured that Reynaud's proposal was never put to a vote in the Council. It collapsed of itself. This was a personal and fatal reverse for the struggling worn-down Premier which marked the end of his influence, and authority upon the Council. All further discussion turned upon the Armistice and "making the Germans what terms they would give, and in this M. Chautemps was cool and steadfast. Our two telegrams about the

going. And if she has not made herself a going concern yet (which is obvious) she should not allow government representatives to say so in order to win votes at a by-election.

Fleet were never presented to the Council. The demand that it should be sailed to British ports as a prelude to the negotiations with the Germans was never considered by the Reynaud Cabinet, which was now in complete decomposition. Here again there was no vote. At about 8 o'clock Reynaud, utterly exhausted by the physical and mental strain to which he had for so many days been subjected, sent his resignation to the President, and advised him to send for Marshal Petain. This action must be judged precipitate. He still seems to have cherished the hope that he could keep his rendezvous with me the next day, and spoke of this to General Spears. "Tomorrow there will be another Government, and you will no longer speak for anyone," said Spears.

The Spectre

According to Campbell (sent by telephone, June 10):

We worked on him [M. Reynaud] for half an hour, encouraging him to try to get rid of the evil influences among his colleagues. After seeing M. Mandel for a moment we then called for second time to-day on the President of Senate, M. Jeanneney, whose views (like those of President of Chamber) are sound. In hope of his being able to influence President of Republic to insist on M. Reynaud forming new Government.

We begged him to make it very clear in President that offer contained in P.M.'s message would not be extended to a Government which entered into negotiation with enemy.

An hour or so later M. Reynaud informed us that he was beaten and had handed in his resignation. Combination of Marshal Petain and General Weygand (who were living in another world and imagined they could sit round a green table discussing armistice terms in the mid manner) had proved too much for weak minded Reynaud. Government, whom they worked by waving the spectre of revolution.

On the afternoon of June 16 M. Monnet and General de Gaulle visited me in the Cabinet Room. Monnet was very active upon a plan to transfer all French contracts for munitions in America to Britain if France made a separate peace.

1950 Election
Secret Talks

London, February 26. Secret talks to decide the programme of the Parliamentary Labour Party at the 1950 general election began at the 300-year-old "Manor House" at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, today.

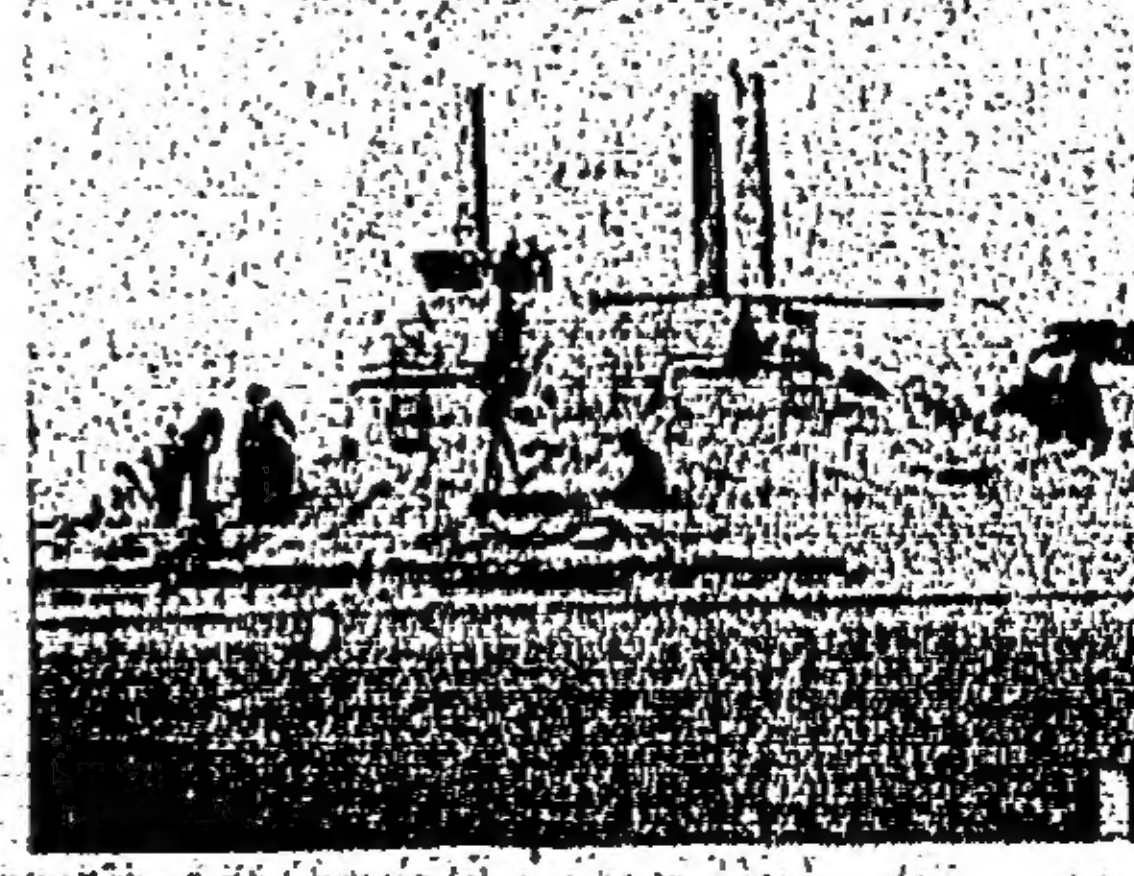
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and most of the Cabinet Ministers were present — but they took back seats. The party's policy is being decided by the 28 members of the National Executive, half of whom are not even Members of Parliament.

At a general election in Britain, the Cabinet, in theory, dissolves and the battle is fought by the various parties, and not by the Government and the Opposition. No decisions are being made and no vote will be taken.

It is expected that when the conference is over tomorrow night, the programme will have emerged, but a further meeting of the National Executive will be called to settle finally the election policy, which again will come before the Labour Party Conference at Blackpool in June for approval. —Reuters

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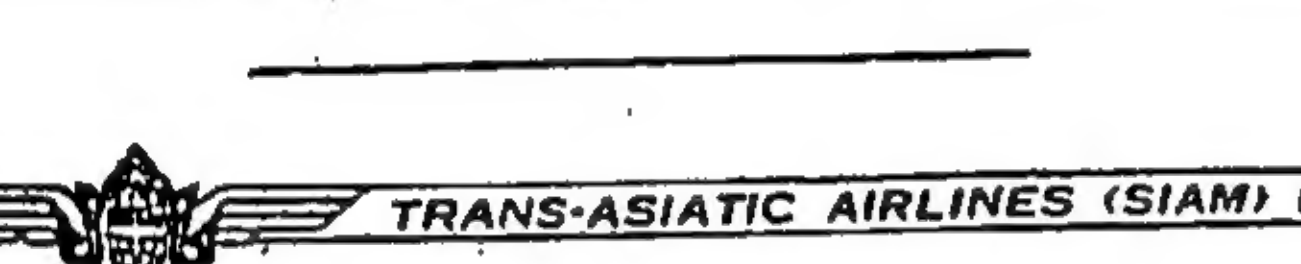
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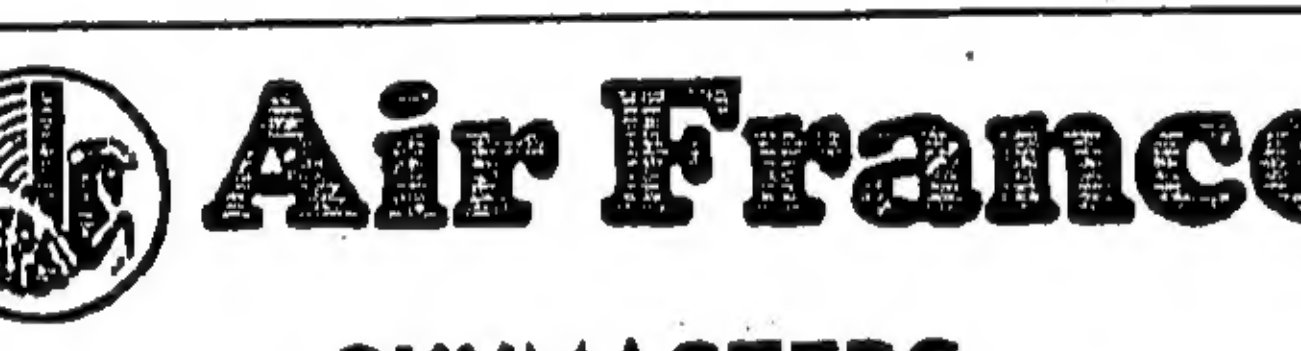


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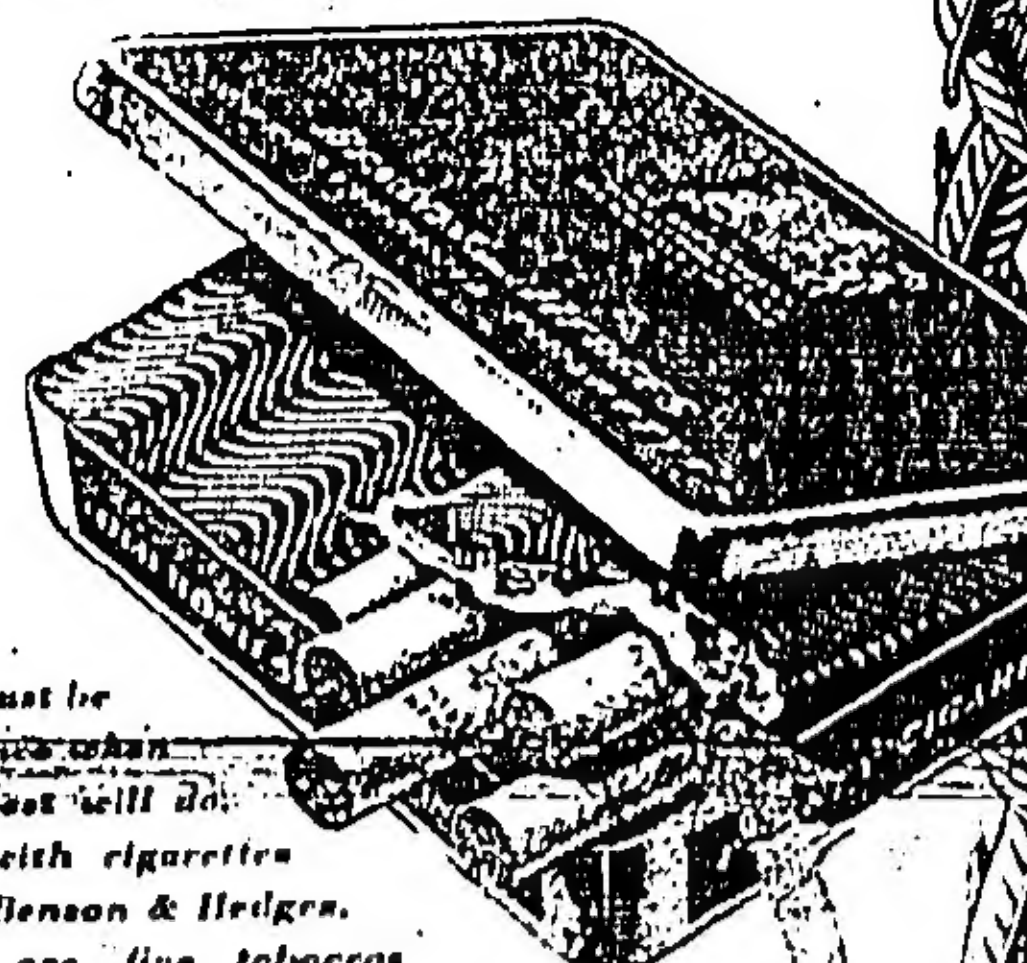
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Chiang Completely Retired From Politics

Shanghai, February 27.

General Tang En-po, commander of the Nationalist armies in the Nanking-Shanghai area who will have the job of defending the vital area if China's civil war is to be continued, told the United Press today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is completely and fully retired from the political and military scene in China.

General Tang—who is in a position to know—said the reports that Chiang Kai-shek "is still running things" through daily contact with various military or administrative officials were not true and without foundation.

United Nations Not Successful

Baltimore, Maryland, February 27.

The United Nations has not been, and will not be, successful, until it has a military force to back up its political decisions, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says. The widow of President Franklin D. Roosevelt told 900 women that "from a political standpoint, the United Nations has not proved very successful."

Mrs. Roosevelt said that before the UN can function effectively the 58 members must:

1. Agree to mutual inspection of industries.
2. Contribute to a common military organization to back up rulings of the majority.
3. Reduce their national military establishments to police force size.—Associated Press.

Reds In U.S. Face Trial Soon

New York, February 26. The actual trial of the 11 Communist leaders will begin next Wednesday ending their six weeks of "stalling tactics" which failed to quash the trial jury panel and void their indictment. Federal Judge Harold Medina today ordered the defendants to prepare themselves for actual trial on Wednesday. He said he was convinced they failed to prove their constitutional rights to a fair trial had been denied. The defendants have sought to prove jurists are selected exclusively

ly from the "wealthy executive class" of White Christians. Three jury officials testified yesterday that large numbers of Negroes, Jews, manual workers, women and poor have been called for jury service. The communists are being prosecuted for conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of government by force. They were indicted last December.—United Press.

Peiping Reds Close Papers

Shanghai, February 26.

The Chinese Communist radio said today that two Peiping newspapers, the World Daily and the World Evening Post which have been "trying to disguise themselves as progressive" since the Red occupation were closed yesterday by the Military Control Committee. The radio claimed that before the Communist change-over the two papers "led the way" of slandering the people's liberation movement, twisting facts and suppressing truth.

The radio said that the papers' suspension were ordered to "deprive counter-revolutionary elements of the freedom of speech and publication and safeguard the freedom of speech and publication."—United Press.

China Pressing For Support From U.S.

Washington, February 27.

China is pressing a four months old plea for a formal statement of American support for the Nationalists, Diplomatic authorities reported yesterday.

They said there appears as little likelihood it will be issued now as when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek addressed the plea to President Harry Truman last Fall. Presumably it has been revived by Ambassador Wellington Koo in talks with Secretary of State Dean Acheson and other officials.

The idea of a statement of sympathy and support also has the backing of some of the Republican Congressmen who had a closed-door session with Mr. Acheson on Thursday on the overall subject of "American policy toward China."

Chiang, in his letter to Mr. Truman, asked for such a statement to stiffen resistance of the Nationalist against the Communist advance. General George Marshall, then Secretary, and other advisers were cold to the idea because of a belief that a statement would be in effect a binding commitment to back the Nationalists.

Mr. Acheson made plain to the Republican Congressmen that the present American policy is still to wait until the dust settles in China before deciding whether the United States should provide more aid or take other measures. Meanwhile, the State Department's plan is to keep shy of a commitment which might compromise any future course.

Whether to ask Congress for more China aid funds before the present appropriation expires on April 5 is still under study, officials said. One proposal is merely to request authority to use unexpended funds.

The US\$125,000,000 which Congress last year made available for military help to the Nationalists is virtually gone. However, a third or more of the US\$275,000,000 voted for economic help may be left over because the Economic Co-operation Administration cut back the aid programme when the Communists overran North China. A US\$70,000,000 fund for reconstruction was pigeonholed and some wheat and cotton shipments halted.

Madame Chiang, who took a dramatic plea for new American aid to Mr. Truman personally last Autumn, has gone into eclipse since her husband turned over active direction of the Nanking regime to his Vice President. She has been living recently at the home of her sister, Madame H. H. Kung, at Riverdale, New York.—Associated Press.

Garbett Scheme For Jerusalem

York, February 25.

International control of Jerusalem to make it an oasis for Christian, Jew and Moslem is advocated by the Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett.

Writing in his current monthly Diocesan letter, the Archbishop urges the British Government to seek provision for Arab refugees from Palestine and an international administration for Jerusalem.

Dr. Garbett said that the 750,000 homeless and destitute Arabs feel as deeply their expulsion from their homes as the people in our villages would feel if they were suddenly evicted and their cottages and gardens handed over to the Jews from the rest of Europe.

"To allow them to be expelled from the country they have occupied for a 1,000 years would be a crime against humanity and would leave behind a legacy of hate and a passionate desire for revenge," he declared.

Dr. Garbett said the Jews at one time agreed to the international administration of Jerusalem, but are now claiming both the new and old parts of the city.

Referring to the Christian churches and shrines in the New City, the Archbishop said: "Those who hold new Jerusalem would control the ancient city. No pilgrim could enter its gates without their permission."

"The rulers of Israel, however desirous they may be to protect from sacrilege the places most sacred to the Christian, have shown themselves unable to control their followers. Many churches and convents have been desecrated, their pictures and images destroyed and the figures of Christ torn from the crosses and defiled."—Reuter.

No Answer From Consul

Moscow, February 27.

The American Embassy is making extensive inquiries about its Consul General, Mr. Angus Ward, at Mukden. He last was in touch with the State Department on November 18.

Mr. Ward had 10 members of the consulate staff with him when his link with the U.S. was severed by entrance of Chinese Communist troops.

(A State Department official said in Washington on Thursday Mr. Ward had not been heard from in a "long time.") His radio transmitter was closed down after the Communist took over the Manchurian city.

The Soviet Ministry of Communications said it has no telephone or telegraph wires to Mukden. Letters the Embassy sent have been accepted but it is not known whether Mr. Ward received them. No answer has been received.

The Embassy has asked the Soviet Foreign Office to help. The Russians said they would be glad to but there are no communications.—Associated Press.

France Not To Return Russians

Paris, February 26.

France has refused to return to the Russians as war criminals three Soviet nationals in Paris to testify in the libel case of author Victor Kravchenko against a French Weekly, it was learned today.

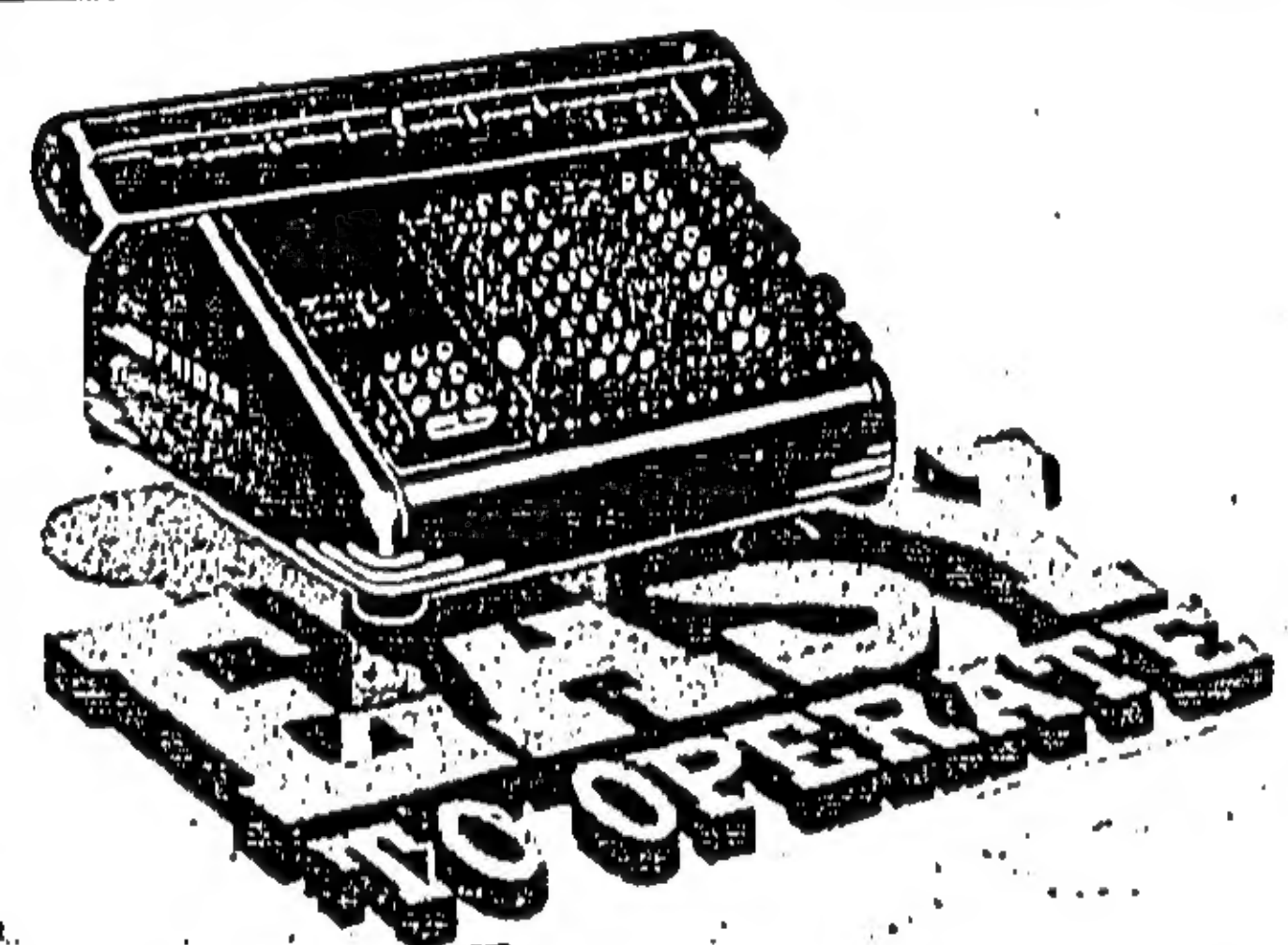
It was reported that the French note said the request for extradition should be addressed to the occupation authorities in Germany.

Two of the witnesses, the note was quoted as saying, returned to the American zone of Germany on February 8 and 21 while the third is due to return today to Lindau in the French zone.

Their names were given as Ivan Trigoriovich Krevoun, Andreivitch Pashchik and Nicolas Feodorovich Antonov.

Kravchenko, author of "I Chose Freedom," is suing the pro-Communist "Les Lettres Francaises" for a million francs, the newspaper said he did not write the book's account of the conditions in Russia. The witnesses were brought to Paris to testify that the conditions are as the book describes them.

The note concluded: "The French government does not doubt that the French Commander-in-Chief in Germany will give the greatest attention to the examination of the case submitted to him by the Soviet authorities as he was already done numerous times when so requested by the Allied States."—Associated Press.

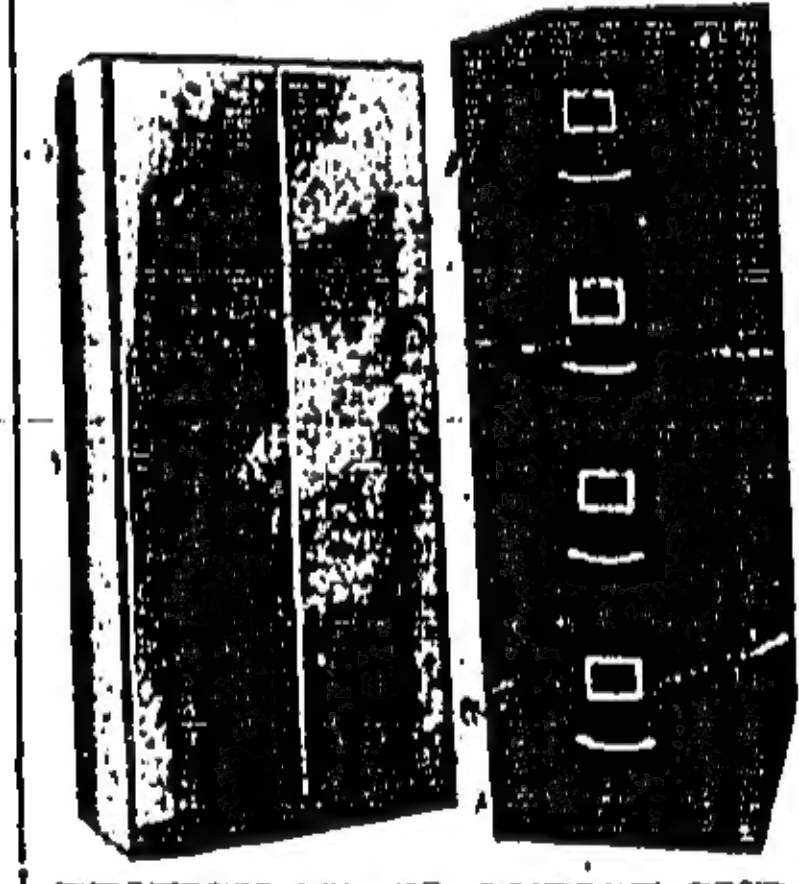


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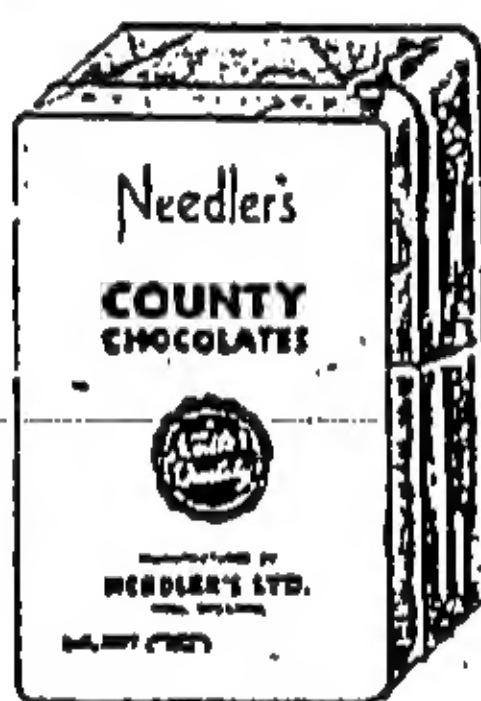
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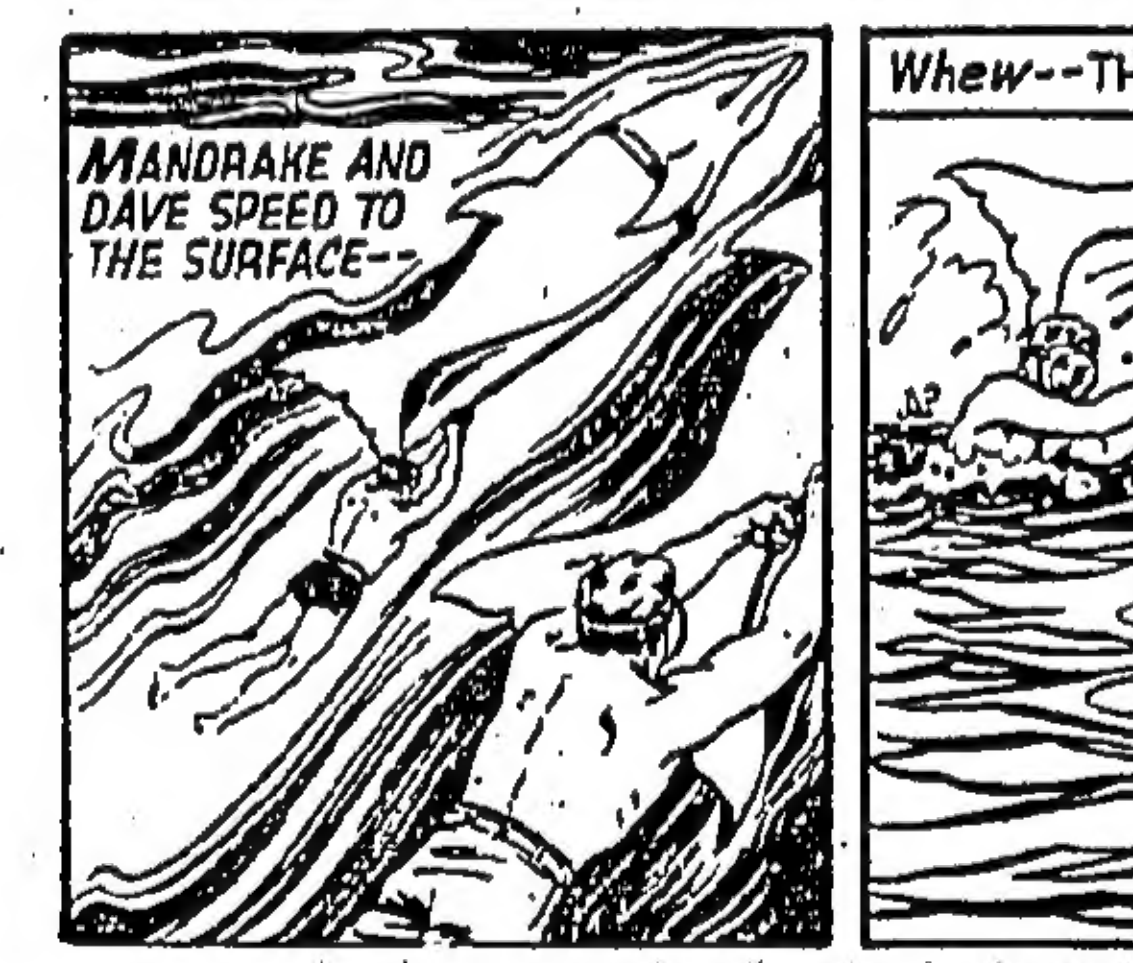
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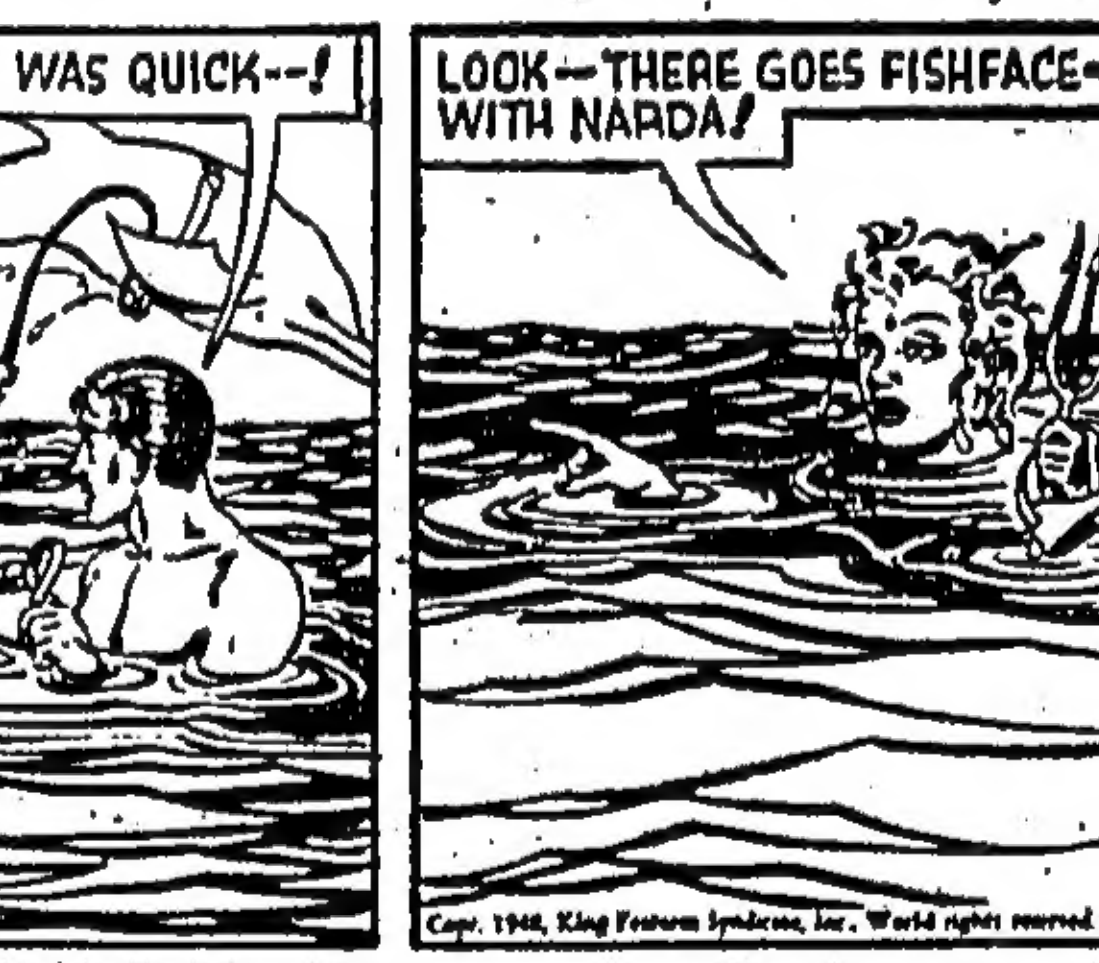
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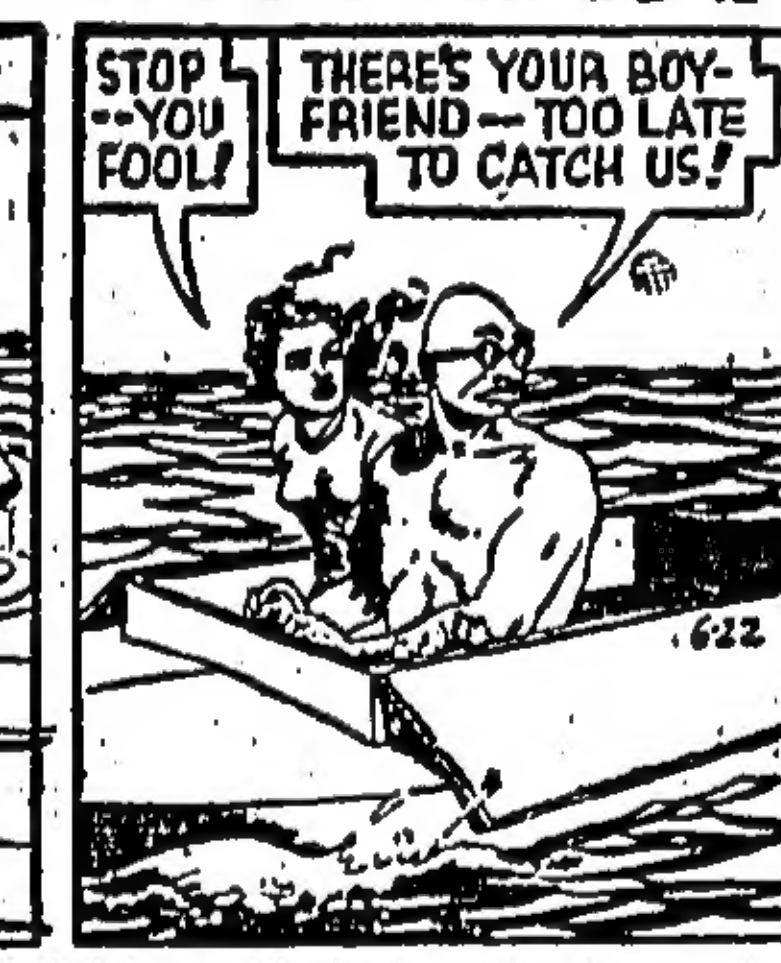
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Transfer Of Gold,
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China To Shanghai

Shanghai, February 27.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan, and Governor S. Y. Liu of the Central Bank, whose arrival here from South China was awaited yesterday to clarify many points of the new economic programme, postponed their return owing to bad weather but are now expected in Shanghai today.

A Central Bank source revealed that Mr. Liu yesterday paid a visit to Dr. T. V. Soong, former Premier, who is now residing in Hong Kong, to discuss the transfer of gold and silver from South China to Shanghai to support the policy of free trading in gold and silver and also for the minting of silver dollars.

A high Central Bank official told newsmen that the new economic programme will be formally enforced tomorrow through a gradual process. This official advanced the opinion that the Central Bank

is able to control commodity prices and tighten up the money market.

He said the Central Bank will choose the most opportune time to throw appropriate quantities of gold bars and silver dollars on to the market to arrest any runaway tendencies.

He revealed that all details concerning the control of gold and silver markets and the rates of gold and silver vis-a-vis gold yuan notes will be discussed after the return of Mr. Liu.

He disclosed that the issue of foreign currency, the free use of private foreign exchange and regulations for the export and import trade are being studied by the Import-Export Board, the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance.

General Chen Ta-ching, the Shanghai Garrison Commander, has given orders to his subordinates to speed up the investigation of postal matter designed for Communist China to eliminate delays, it was learned today.

General Chen's move followed a call by Director Li Chin-lu of the General Post Office, during which he urged all possible despatch in the investigation of mails addressed to Communist areas.—Reuter.

Trade Unions
Urged To
Co-Operate

Kuala Lumpur, February 27. At the opening here of the biggest trade union conference ever held in Malaya, the Prime Minister of Johore, Dato Onn bin Jaafar, called on all interested in the democratic trade union movement in Malaya to forget racial, religious and other differences.

He urged the 100 delegates from the majority of Malaya's registered trade unions to work together to build up a more progressive society.

The High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, in a message to the delegates, said the prosperity of Malaya depended not only on increased production but industrial peace.

The conference, lasting two days, was called by labour representatives on the Malayan Legislative Council, headed by Mr. V.M.N. Menon, secretary of the Malayan Estate Staffs Association.—Reuter.

NO BUILDING BY
KIEL YARDS

Frankfurt, February 27. Reports that the German Howaldt ship yards at Kiel might be allowed to build seven 3,000-ton motor vessels for Norwegian shipowners were denied yesterday by an authoritative Bizong shipbuilding official.

He said that under a four-power agreement, German yards were not and would not be allowed to conclude any such negotiations.—Reuter.

Recognition
Of Israel

Athens, February 26. After the agreement reached between Egypt and Israel at Rhodes, Greece is planning to recognise Israel.

It is understood from a diplomatic source that the Greek government, during preliminary negotiations with the Israeli delegate in Athens, will try to safeguard Greek interests in Palestine. The Greek government is also anxious to see the Greek patriarchy in Jerusalem and the right of settlement of Greeks. It is hoped all difficulties arising out of these questions will be straightened out shortly.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock
Market

New York, February 26. Another attempt at recovery met some success on Wall Street today but enthusiasm appeared definitely lacking for any material advance.

With activity restricted, the market showed a predominance of mostly fractional gains. Some technicians feel that the market is definitely oversold and may yet experience a fair rally.

Late dealings produced no remarkable changes in the market pattern with industrial and rail averages finishing modestly higher and very steady.—Reuter.

Nationalisation
Of Publishing
In Bulgaria

Sofia, February 27. The nationalisation of all printing and publishing activities in Bulgaria, including book-binding and type-casting, was completed yesterday after the passage of a new bill by the National Assembly.

Certain exceptions may be made by the Council of Ministers, it was learned, to permit printing and publishing by public organisations, political parties and co-operatives.

The process of nationalisation in publishing began a year ago when some 85 per cent of publishers and printing enterprises were nationalised.—Reuter.

New Indian
Restrictions

New Delhi, February 25. Greater restrictions on imports from dollar and hard currency countries under the revised import licensing policy for the period of January to June, 1949, was announced tonight.

The announcement said that only minor adjustments, however, have been made in the import licensing policy for soft currency areas which is mainly the same as at present.

Such articles as condensed and powdered milk, camphor, leather, cloth, synthetic resins, electric household appliances, which were previously licensed on a restricted basis, will not be allowed importation from dollar and hard currency countries.

Kerosene, motor-spirit and mineral oils (with certain exceptions) including diesel oils, also will not be licensed.—Reuter.

DIVIDEND

New York, February 26. The Curtiss Wright Corporation has declared a regular quarterly 25 cent dividend on common and \$2.00 on Class "A" stocks, payable in quarterly installments. It is announced that the company will maintain a quarterly basis for dividend payments and the amount to be paid on common for 1949 will total at least one dollar.—Reuter.

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MAIL NOTICE

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Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Air Mail and Parcel Post close 15 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 9 a.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the CPO closing time.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO), 7.40 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.; (CPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.	Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.40 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.	Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.	Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.	Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin; Airmail for Kowloon and Luchow; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Tientsin, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.	Airmail for Fuzhou, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.	Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
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Closing Times by Sea

Bangkok, 10 a.m.
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 Saigon, 10 a.m.
 Karachi and Bombay, 10 a.m.
 Hothow, Pakhoi via Hothow and Strail
 Amoy and Japan, Noon.
 Sourabaya and Batavia, 1 p.m.
 Parcel only for Canada via Vancouver
 BC, 2 p.m.
 Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.
 Tientsin (via Canton), 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi,
 Bahrain, Alexandria (Nairobi), Joha-
 neburg and Marseilles via Alexandria,
 Rome and London, (Kowloon CPO)
 (Reg.) 4 a.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.
 GP (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 4 p.m.
 Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and
 Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 4 p.m.

Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu
 and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.
 (GP) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, sam-
 ple and small packet posts) for
 Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA
 (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (GP) 5 p.m.

BRITISH TALKS
WITH YUGOSLAVIA

London, February 27. Sir Charles Peake, the British Ambassador in Belgrade since 1945, is to head the British delegation to the long-term trade talks with Yugoslavia, it has been announced.

Several members of the British delegation left London yesterday for Belgrade, it was learned.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL NOTICE
PROPOSAL TO CHANGE
A SHIP'S NAME

We, The China Navigation Company, Limited, hereby give notice that in consequence of information received from our Head Office in London we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of this motor ship "SIN TAIKOO HING" of Official Number 173,778, Gross tonnage 250 tons, heretofore owned by The China Navigation Company, Limited, for permission to change her name to "TAIKOO HING" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by The China Navigation Company, Limited.

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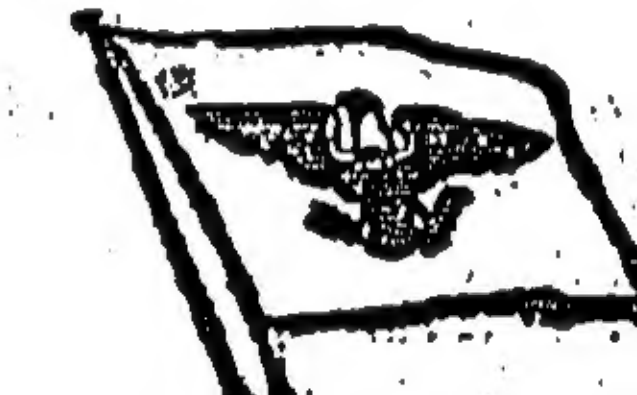
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"BENVORLICH"	U.K.	Early Mar.
"BENALBANACH"	Japan	1st half Mar.
"BENCLEUGH"	U.K.	2nd half Mar.
"BENCROACHAN"	U.K.	End Mar.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENDORAN"	Liverpool	28th Feb.
"BENLAVERS"	Liverpool	27th Feb.
"BENALBANACH"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull	1st half Mar.
"BENCLEUGH"	Liverpool, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg	2nd half Mar.
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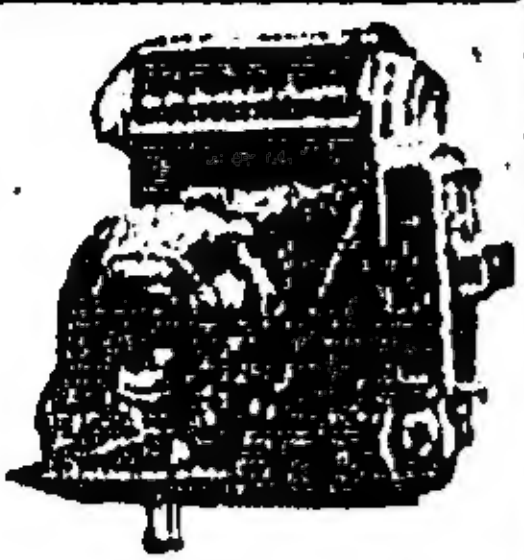
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"JULIA LUCKENBACH"	"	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	San Francisco to Los Angeles via Tokyo, Shanghai & Japan
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POMPEY, MANCHESTER U OUT TO WIN CUP, LEAGUE

London, February 26.
Two of the four teams who today reached the FA Cup semi-finals, Portsmouth and Manchester United, have a chance to accomplish the elusive double feat of winning the Cup and the League championship in the same season.

This feat was last performed by Aston Villa in 1897.

Portsmouth, head Division I of the League, and Manchester United, the Cup holders, are also favourably placed and are playing with great consistency.

Wolverhampton and Leicester were the other two victors in four sternly contested Cup ties, which drew an aggregate attendance of 200,000 and receipts of £22,739.

Leicester, the last hope of Division II, have never yet reached the final, but the other three, who have been well favoured right through the competition, are previous Cup winners.

If Portsmouth and Wolverhampton steer clear of each other in Monday's draw, the first of this year may well be a repetition of the 1939 match, when Portsmouth gained an unexpected triumph by four goals to one, in 1929 and 1934 Portsmouth were losing finalists, in 1939 winners and 1949 may again be their year.

A ground record of 51,338 swarmed over the Portsmouth pitch at the end of a tussle which Portsmouth clinched only four minutes from time, their first victory in a Cup tie against Derby.

The hero was Isaac Clarke, the centre forward, who earlier equalised the opening Derby goal.

When there appeared to be little danger, he coolly brought a centre down to his feet and crashed home the winning goal.

Better Team

Manchester United were obviously the better team at Hull, but the quick kicking of the Northern Section side cramped the style of the Cup holders' attack.

Not until 75 minutes had passed did the vital goal come through Pearson, captain of Manchester, in the absence of the right back Carey through injury.

John Bull, the youthful deputy for Carey, played a splendid game, thoroughly subduing Raich Carter, the main Hull hope in the attack.

By the Hull goalkeeper, played throughout the second half with a broken nose.

Like Portsmouth, Wolverhampton gained revenge for past Cup reverses, for the Wanderers had lost to West Bromwich on each of the five previous occasions they were drawn together.

A second half goal by the left winger, Mullen, did the trick, but Wolverhampton were indebted to the splendid work of their half backs, particularly M. Wright.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Third Race Meeting,

Saturday, 12th March, 1949

There are ten races, the first will be run at 1.30 p.m. The last race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last race at 6.20 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27819).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gates.

Bookmakers, Tip Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
C. D. BROWN,
Secretary.

Home League Tables

FIRST DIVISION

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